

PUBLIC BUILDING AT LACHUTE,
QUEBEC.

Mr. PERLEY:

1. When was the new public building at Lachute completed?
2. When were the fixtures installed in it?
3. Has it yet been opened to the public? If so, when? If not, why not?
4. Is it the intention of the government to arrange for a customs officer and service in this building?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY:

1. The building is virtually completed; a slight change has to be made to the electric lighting and is now being attended to.
2. Early in January, 1910.
3. No, owing to the change to electric lighting.
4. To be answered by the Department of Customs.

POST OFFICE AT HALIFAX.

Mr. CROSBY:

1. At what time did the Post Office Department decide to reconstruct the inside of the post office at Halifax, and in what way did they arrange to have it done?
2. Was it done by contract or by day work?
3. If by contract, how were tenders asked, who were the tenderers, what were the conditions imposed upon the contractor, when was the work done, what was the penalty, if any, how much work has been done, how much money paid to the present contractor, and when may we expect the work to be done so that the Post Office Department may get the building back for the benefit of the public?
4. How many men are at work on the building at present, what has been the average number of men per month working on that building since the contract has been let, and what was the rate of wages paid?

Mr. PUGSLEY:

1. In 1907-08, through the Department of Public Works.
2. By contract.
3. (a) By public advertisement;
- (b) M. E. Keefe \$ 94,000
Doran & Devlin 114,000
J. McInnes & Son, Ltd. 145,000
- (c) Work to be completed according to plans and specification.
- (d) March 18, 1910.
- (e) Clause 21 of contract is as follows: Contractor shall be liable for and shall cause to be paid to His Majesty all salaries or wages which shall become due to person or persons superintending the work on behalf of His Majesty from the above named period of completion until the same shall be actually completed and received; unless reason for such delay satisfactory to the chief architect and approved by the minister shall be given by the said contractor.
- (f) About $\frac{3}{4}$ completed.
- (g) \$31,710.
- (h) About July 1, 1910.

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4. (a) 23 to 25.

(b) Average number of men weekly from beginning to date, 26.

(c) The wages to be paid are included in the specification, in the Fair Wages Schedule under labour conditions; the schedule is furnished by the Labour Department.

VESSELS PURCHASED BY MARINE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1896.

Mr. BLAIN:

How many vessels have been purchased by the government since the year 1896, what are their names, the cost of each and where purchased?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. 1. Thirteen vessels were purchased.

Name.	Where Purchased.	Cost.
'Princess,' Charlottetown, P.E.I.		\$45,000
'Restless,' New Westminster, B.C.		18,000
'Hudson,' St. John, N.B.		3,600
'Newington,' Victoria, B.C.		38,000
'Falcon,' Vancouver, B.C.		9,000
'Scout,' Kingston, Ont.		16,669
'Reserve,' Ottawa, Ont.		3,300
'Bayfield,' Quebec, Que.		50,000
'Gulnare,' Charlottetown, P.E.I.		36,000
'Shamrock,' Quebec, Que.		21,500
'Lady of the Lake,' Selkirk, Man.		8,000
'Maisonneuve,' Ottawa, Ont.		8,500
'Christine,' Halifax, N.S.		17,000

WINNIPEG POST OFFICE

On the order: Question by Mr. Haggart (Winnipeg) as to keeping open for box-holders Winnipeg post office.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I shall be prepared to answer this question to-morrow. But as to sub-question 11, concerning representations made by citizens of Winnipeg on this subject, I would suggest to my hon. friend that he should move for a return, because the answer is very bulky and voluminous.

Mr. SPEAKER. Subsection 11 of this question stands as a notice of motion for a return.

GREAT LAKES DREDGING COMPANY
CONTRACT.

Mr. RALPH SMITH:

1. What dredging has been done since April, 1909, at Fort William to improve the harbour accommodation, and also deepening the Kaministiquia river, under contract given to the Great Lakes Dredging Company?
2. What is the total yardage dredged during that period, and the amount of earth and rock?
3. What price has been paid for the same, and has the said work exceeded the appropriation for the same?
4. What amount of moneys have been paid over to the company, when was the last payment made, and what amount is still due the company?
5. Is the contract to be extended? If so, for what term of years?