

Mistassini and St. Méthode de Tékouabé ; a detailed statement showing the quantity of timber, iron and stone used in the said works ; by whom the said articles were furnished ; the prices paid therefor to each person ; the names of the carpenters and framers employed and the prices paid them per day, and how much was received in cash by them, as also by the day labourers who worked with them ; all other expenditure in relation to the said works ; copies of all correspondence in relation to the contracts awarded to Messrs. Tétu & Savard, of St. Félicien, for making timber for the St. Méthode wharf ; copies of the said contracts and of all further correspondence as to presenting payment of their accounts ; a statement of the quantity of timber prepared by them, and of the amount paid to them personally.

Copies of instructions issued to J. B. Carboneau, chief carpenter at the Mistassini and Ste. Méthode wharfs ; correspondence as to cancelling of his instructions at St. Méthode and the appointment of a chief carpenter in his place.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). The hon. gentleman in whose name this motion appears is not in his place, and I presume that the hon. gentleman who has moved the motion for him is not in a position to say whether he can assure the House that there is good reason for asking for all this information. I wish to call attention to this fact, that in many of these cases returns are being moved for which will involve very considerable expense in their preparation, more, I think, than the House should be asked to order ; unless the hon. member is prepared to say, on his responsibility, that he has good ground for pressing that this expenditure should be incurred. We do not want to refuse any information, but the House will agree that where returns are moved for which will necessarily involve a great deal of time and expense in their preparation, hon. gentlemen who move for them should give some reasons for their action.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Better let the motion stand.

Mr. BERGERON. I wish to say that I do not know anything at all about the motion, but my hon. friend from Montmorency asked me to move it.

Motion allowed to stand.

**THE UNITED STATES VESSEL  
"FREDERICK J. GERRING."**

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER moved for :

Copies of all reports to His Excellency, Orders in Council, papers and correspondence, record of the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada referring to the condemnation and release of the United States fishing vessel "Frederick J. Gerring."

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). I have no objection to the motion carrying, but of  
Mr. CASGRAIN.

course the hon. gentleman understands that the correspondence is going on now.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. I thought it was concluded.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. We have received a communication from the United States authorities to-day, and I have made a report to Council in reply, a very lengthy one. That leaves the case pending.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. The motion may pass, and it will be understood that only such papers will be brought down as are ready.

Motion agreed to.

**ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE—STAFF  
AND EMPLOYEES.**

Mr. TYRWHITT (by Sir Charles Tupper) moved for :

Return showing : (a) The names and appointments of members of the staff and employees of the Royal Military College of Canada who have been struck off the strength between the 30th June, 1896, and 31st December, 1897.

(b) The corresponding dates.

(c) The respective conditions of engagement as regards duration.

(d) The respective lengths of service completed.

(e) The respective retiring allowances, if any, granted.

(f) The grounds upon which the respective grants were made, and the principles regulating them, with explanation of variation, if any.

(g) The appointments which having been vacated have since been refilled, with dates thereof.

(h) The extra public expenditure involved by the respective new appointments other than those caused by deaths, including travelling, lodging and all other charges met or to be met on this account.

(i) In cases of vacancies caused by death, the amounts granted to the families of the deceased employees.

Mr. LANDERKIN. Stand.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Do I understand that there is any objection to this ?

Mr. LANDERKIN. Several hon. gentlemen wish to speak upon it.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Would it not be better to speak upon it when the papers come down ? I have made an appeal to forward the business of the House and have asked that the Government should not prevent motions of this kind, motions that are simply designed to elicit information, being carried. I hope my hon. friend (Mr. Landerkin) will allow this information to be brought down.

Mr. LANDERKIN. Since the hon. leader of the Opposition desires it, I waive any objection.

Motion agreed to.

**GOLDEN TO ST. EUGENE, B.C., MAIL  
SERVICE.**

Mr. FOSTER. I ask permission of the House and of the Postmaster General (Mr.