

from California or Puget Sound ports. Special medical officers have been stationed at the various points where railways enter British Columbia from the United States, with instructions to specially examine for the bubonic plague. On the report of the news of the outbreak at Seattle, the Director-General of Public Health was at once sent there and to British Columbia to supervise the precautionary measures being taken. While at Seattle, that officer was able to secure, by the courtesy of the United States Public Health authorities, that an arrangement should be made by them with the various railway companies running out of Seattle, that empty freight cars should be sprinkled with chloride of lime or carbolic acid, and that their doors should be kept closed, especially when at a station platform and always at night, to prevent so far as possible the entry of rats into the cars. A supply of Yersin's anti-plague serum was sent to the different quarantine officers, maritime and inland, in British Columbia, and will be renewed from time to time. Haffkine's plague prophylactic fluid is prepared in our quarantine laboratory, and has been placed in the hands of our medical officers in British Columbia.

#### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

Mr. A. A. McLean (Queens) asked :

1. Is the government aware that two employees of the Printing Bureau have announced themselves as candidates for the Board of Control in the city of Ottawa?

2. In the event of either or both employees being elected, will the government relax the rule regarding the hours of labour in the Printing Bureau in the case of such controllers to enable them to properly discharge their duties to the citizens of Ottawa?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) :

1. The attention of the government has been called to this matter.

2. The subject is under consideration. It is difficult to lay down any general rigid rule in matters of this kind.

#### THE STEAMER 'STANLEY.'

Mr. LEFURGEY asked :

1. How many staterooms are there on the steamer 'Stanley' and are they all available for the passengers?

2. If not all available for passengers, how are they utilized?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) :

1. Eight double-berthed staterooms and one four-berthed stateroom are available for passengers.

Mr. FISHER.

2. No officers or crews quarters within confines of saloon.

THE REV. JOHN McDUGALL.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY asked :

1. Was the Rev. John McDougall ever employed by the present government before the 21st day of February, 1905, or the date of the introduction in this House of the Act to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta known as the Autonomy Bill? If so, in what capacity?

2. Has he been in the employment of the government at any time since said date? If so, in what capacity?

3. What was the specific nature of the duties attached to each of his engagements, respectively?

4. What date did he enter on this engagement or engagements respectively?

5. How much has he been paid for his services to date, and how much in expenses?

6. Is he at the present time in the employment of the government?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). As far as the Interior Department is concerned :

1. Yes; as special delegate to Great Britain for a period of three months in connection with immigration.

2. Yes; as commissioner for investigation of Doukhobor land claims.

3. (a) To lecture on immigration; (b) In the capacity of commissioner for the investigation of Doukhobor land claims, to make visits to the Doukhobor colonies in the Yorkton, Prince Albert and Regina land districts for investigation and adjustment in regard to all matters relating to the holding of homestead entries by Doukhobors.

4. (a) 1st January, 1901; (b) 20th July, 1906.

5. (a) Allowance for three months \$450; expenses, \$211.97; (b) Services, \$3,910; advances for expenses of self and party, \$4,600.

6. No.

As far as the Department of Indian Affairs is concerned :

1. No.

2. Yes, as an agent.

3. Negotiations with certain Indian bands for the surrender of the following reserves, or portions thereof—Blood, Alta; Stony, Alta.; Sarcee, Alta.; Stony Plain, Sask.; Cote, Sask.; Fishing Lakes, Sask.; Hobbema, Alta.; Montreal Lake, Sask.; Swan Lake, Man.

4. May 28, 1906; June 2, 1906; July 24, 1906; August 7, 1906; September 4, 1906; October 10, 1906; November 30, 1906; September 30, 1907; September 10, 1907.

5. For services, \$1,690; for expenses, \$1,204.40.

6. Has recently been negotiating for surrender of reserve at Swan Lake, Man., and is paid for time actually spent upon this work.