

**LEASE OF LAND TO NEW BRUNSWICK  
COLD STORAGE COMPANY.**

Mr. DANIEL asked :

1. What was the cost of the land now leased to the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company at St. John, New Brunswick, by the Intercolonial Railway?

2. What was the cost of trestle work and sidings to the property of the above company?

3. On what terms is the above land leased to the said company, and for what length of time?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals) :

1. \$8,415.29.

2. Trestles and tracks put in, in 1901-2, \$5,200, which were built prior to any consideration of the cold storage plant, and were, and are now still used for general railway purposes, Mr. Likely's timber mill being served therewith. Additional sidings recently completed, \$4,200 approximately.

3. Leased to R. J. Graham at the rate of \$250 per annum, dating from 1st July, 1907, to 1st July, 1970, afterwards assigned by him to the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company, limited, and by them to the provincial government of New Brunswick, and sublet by the provincial government of New Brunswick to the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company, Limited. Lease calls for construction of cold storage building within one year, from date of lease and stating provisions with respect to the shipping of freight on Intercolonial Railway.

**LAND GRANTS TO SOUTH AFRICAN  
VETERANS.**

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY asked :

What steps have been taken by the government to carry into effect the resolution passed by this House on December 10, 1906, to set apart grants of Dominion lands for those residents of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, who took part in the South African war, 1899-1902?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). A Bill to conform with the resolution mentioned is in course of preparation.

**PIANOS FOR SPEAKERS OF COMMONS  
AND SENATE.**

Mr. GANONG asked :

1. Have any pianos been ordered, purchased or rented for the chambers occupied by the Speaker of the House of Commons, or the Speaker of the Senate, during the last four years?

2. If so, where were they manufactured, and by whom?

3. From whom were they obtained, and at what prices, or on what terms?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). No piano has been purchased for the rooms of the Speakers of the Senate or the House Commons. A piano has been rented sessionally for use in said rooms, as follows : 1904-5, Orme & Son, \$10 per month;

Mr. FIELDING.

1905-6, C. W. Lindsay, \$5 per month ; 1906-7, C. W. Lindsay, \$5 per month ; 1907-8, Orme & Son, \$5 per month. The Senate piano is supplied by C. W. Lindsay at a monthly rental of \$10 during sessions. There is no information in the Sergeant-at-Arms' department as to where these pianos are manufactured.

**LOAN OF AUGUST 17, 1907.**

Mr. FOSTER asked :

What proportion of the 500,000 pounds loan, August 17, 1907, has been discounted outside the Bank of Montreal, London?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). £380,000.

Mr. FOSTER. At what banks ?

Mr. FIELDING. I have not the names. Speaking from memory, I think it is not usual to give them, but I will look into that. I think there were several.

**SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO PROVINCES.**

Mr. FOSTER asked :

1. On what dates do the subsidy payments to the various provinces become due under the British North America Act, 1907?

2. Have all the provinces been paid the subsidy due at last due date?

3. If not, what sums are yet owing?

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

1. The grants and allowances payable under the British North America Act, 1907, are due on the 1st January and 1st July in each year ; but, in the case of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the annual sums payable in lieu of debt and in lieu of public lands under the Alberta and Saskatchewan Acts are still payable on the 1st September and 1st March in each year, inasmuch as the British North America Act, 1907, does not affect these allowances.

2. Yes.

3. No sums are now owing.

**FRENCH TREATY AND MOST FAVOURED  
NATION TREATIES.**

Mr. FOSTER asked :

To what countries, by virtue of the most favoured nation treaties, will Canada be obliged to extend the concessions made to France in the treaty now before the House for ratification?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). For reasons stated yesterday, I would rather not give the list of the countries, but of course the treaty will apply to those countries which are recognized as favoured nation countries.

Mr. FOSTER. Any special objection to giving the list ?

Mr. FIELDING. I gave the list the previous session, and it is possible that some of those treaties expire from time to time.