

from Great Britain and entered for consumption, during the six months ending 31st December, 1896, amounted to \$15,080,272; and for the corresponding period of the year 1897, the amount was \$15,391,318. The total value of goods imported from the United States and entered for consumption, during the six months ending 31st December, 1896, amounted to \$32,214,340; and for the corresponding period of the year 1897, the amount was \$38,577,025. It is not possible at present, to furnish information as to the duties paid on such imports from the United States and Great Britain, respectively, for the reason that in the statistical books of the Department of Customs the duty collected on articles entered for consumption is not kept separately for each country. Such duty is arrived at by calculations usually at the end of each year—the calculation being made by applying the tariff rate to each item by countries. To make this calculation for the periods in question would involve a very large amount of work, and it could not be completed in time to be of use during the present session of Parliament.

DISMISSAL OF WM. REID.

Mr. BERGERON asked,

1. Whether William Reid, bridge-keeper on the Beauharnois Canal, has been discharged?
2. If so, for what reason?
3. By whom has he been succeeded?
4. Who recommended the appointment of Mr. Reid's successor?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). 1. William Reid, bridge-keeper on the Beauharnois Canal, has not been re-employed when the department were engaging employees for the opening of the new season. 2. The reason he was not re-employed was that another person was preferred. 3. He was succeeded by Hormisdas Lecavalier. 4. Mr. Lecavalier was recommended by a person in whom the Government has the most implicit confidence.

DISMISSAL OF XAVIER LEFAIVRE.

Mr. MONK asked,

1. Why was Xavier Lefaiivre dismissed as lockmaster of lock No. 3, St. Gabriel, on the Lachine Canal?
2. Was there any complaint made against him, and by whom?
3. Was there any complaint made against Xavier Lefaiivre's successor in office?
4. Was there any inquiry on said complaint, and what was the finding of the person who made the inquiry?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). 1. Xavier Lefaiivre, lockmaster of lock No. 3, St. Gabriel, Lachine Canal, was not dismissed, but he was not re-employed on the 1st May, 1897. 2. The employment of the present lockmaster, Jos. St. Denis, was recommended by those in

whom the department had confidence. 3. A complaint was made against Xavier Lefaiivre's successor, Jos. St. Denis, by some of the lockmen and boat captains. 4. An inquiry was made into the complaint, which was not sustained.

COMMISSIONERS—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY.

Mr. MONK asked,

1. What is the amount claimed from the Government as compensation by each of the commissioners appointed to investigate the administration of the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary?
2. How much has been paid to each in partial or final settlement of such claims?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL (Mr. Fitzpatrick). 1. O. K. Fraser, \$2,480; James Noxon, \$2,710; D. A. Lafortune, \$7,350. Mr. Noxon has received on account \$560; Mr. Fraser, \$570; Mr. Lafortune has not received anything.

JUBILEE STAMPS.

Mr. FOSTER. May I ask the hon. Postmaster General a question, although it is not on the paper? I think the question was put once before, but the hon. gentleman did not give an answer, and he may have the knowledge now. I wish to know how much was received from Jubilee stamps up to the 30th June, 1897, and how much since?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). I think the answer which I read to the House met the case. It explained the impossibility of giving the information.

Mr. FOSTER. Is it impossible to give it?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. The Jubilee stamps were furnished along with ordinary stamps to the postmasters, and there has been no separate return made from all over Canada. There is always a certain amount of stamps outstanding in the hands of postmasters; and unless we applied to all the postmasters to give returns showing what particular portion of stamps on hand were Jubilee stamps, it would be impossible to know what quantity of Jubilee stamps were actually sold. Stamps are not sold for cash, but accounts are kept throughout the whole country. I think the hon. gentleman sees the difficulty of answering his question.

Mr. FOSTER. If my hon. friend will allow me—Does he mean to say to the House that these postmasters have not made a return for the year 1896-97?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. No, I did not say that.

Mr. FOSTER. Then if they have made their returns, they must have returned what they have unsold.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. It don't show whether they are Jubilee stamps or others.