

1889, 1890; and this year wherever required to prevent introduction of intoxicants, transport North-West Mounted Police and patrol in suspected waters, and is now out upon such service under orders of Inspector Bégin. Nothing was paid for use of *Kewatin*, which was built for and is the property of Government.

THE REGINA LEADER.

Mr. TROW (for Mr. TRAU) asked, What is the total amount paid by the Government to the *Regina Leader* for printing and advertising since 1886?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. From 1st July, 1886, to 30th June, 1890, several sums of money, the detail of which may be found in the Auditor General's Reports. Of the total paid, \$1,488.19 was for advertising, and \$515 passed through the books of the Printing Department here. The balance was certified and settled at Regina. Since 30th June, 1890, \$315.76 for advertising, and \$75.25 for printing, have been passed by the Printing Bureau.

WOOD SUPPLY FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, Has Mr. John Heney the contract for supplying wood for heating the Public Buildings in Ottawa? If so, when did he first receive it, and was it by public tender? How long did the contract run? Has it since been renewed, and how often? If so, was it by public tender, and at what price per cord?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Mr. John Heney has the contract for supplying wood for heating the Public Buildings at Ottawa. Mr. Heney was first awarded the contract for wood supply, after a call for tenders, on the 27th October, 1868, for three years. This contract was subsequently continued to him to the 21st December, 1872, when tenders were again called, and he was awarded the contract. On the 20th October, 1874, a contract was again entered into with him for one, two or three years. In March, 1879, a contract was again made with him. The contracts of 1868, 1872, 1874, and 1879 were awarded after a call for public tenders. The agreements of 1871 and 1878 were extensions of one year, authorized by Orders in Council. On the 10th March, 1881, the wood contract was awarded to W. McCaffrey, after public tenders; and by Order in Council of 17th December, 1883, this contract was continued until 1885, when new tenders were called for. Tenders were called for on the 11th March, 1885, for supply of firewood for three years for Public Buildings, Ottawa. J. M. Quinn was the lowest tenderer, and got the contract at \$4.95 for rock maple, and \$4.75 for mixed hardwood. On the 11th May, 1885, an Order in Council was passed allowing Quinn to transfer his contract to Heney, Heney to carry out the contract at the rates stated in Quinn's tender. The contract ran from the 1st September, 1885, to the 1st September, 1888. It has been renewed twice by Order in Council—on 7th December, 1886, for three years, from 1st September, 1888, to 1st September, 1891, and on the 24th April, 1891, for three years from 1st September, 1891, to 1st September, 1894, at the rates of Quinn's tender, namely, \$4.95 for rock maple and \$4.75 for mixed hardwood.

Mr. DEWDNEY.

EXPENSES FOR CABLEGRAMS.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, What is the total amount paid by the Dominion Government since 1886, on account of cablegrams sent through Reuter's Agency? Was any money paid on account of such cablegrams during the last fiscal year, or since the 30th June last?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I am unable to give the hon. gentleman any information at present as to the first part of the question. I believe some small expenditures were made in that way some years ago, but they were not distinguished in the accounts from the other telegrams. As to the second part of his question, I may tell him that the amount paid on account of such telegrams during the last fiscal year was \$89.84, and that since the 30th of June, the sum of \$33.56 has been paid.

BREAKWATER AT MIMINICASH, P.E.I.

Mr. PERRY asked, Have the Department of Public Works received, at any time between the 1st day of June, 1891, and this date, a petition from the fishermen and others of Little Miminicash, P.E.I., praying for a breakwater at that place? If so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the prayer of petitioners?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Such a petition was received on the 2nd of June. It is still before the Government, undisposed of.

RIDEAU CANAL RESERVE LOTS.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, How many lots, on the Rideau Canal reserve surrounding the basin, are occupied as piling ground by Mr. John Heney? How long has he occupied them, and what rent per lot does he pay yearly?

Mr. DEWDNEY. Mr. Heney occupies lots numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, part of 7, part of 8, 9, and part of 10, all on the west side of the canal. These lots were in possession of the Montreal & Ottawa Forwarding Company prior to January, 1886, when that company surrendered their lease. I have no reliable information as to the length of time that he has occupied them, but I believe about 25 years. He pays no rent to the Department of Interior.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, Have any of the Ordnance lots on the Rideau Canal reserve surrounding the basin been transferred to the Department of Public Works? If so, how many, when and why? By whom are they now used, for what purpose, and what rent is received for them?

Mr. DEWDNEY. Lots 15 and 16 on the west side of the canal reserve, and also the land lying between lots 16 and the Sappers Bridge, were transferred to the Public Works Department by Order in Council of the 13th December, 1886, for the purpose of erecting a Custom-house and an examining warehouse thereon. These lands are now vested in the Department of Public Works for the purpose of providing additional Custom-house and examining warehouse accommodation if found necessary, and of course no rent is paid, therefore, by that department.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, What is the total rent per year received from tenants on Ordnance