

The balance, or \$1,735.41, will be used in purchasing iron, steel and brass castings, bolts, nuts, tools, &c.

5. The department has not received any complaints in regard to the treatment of carpenters on the Lachine canal under the supervision of Denis O'Brien.

REPRESENTATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. JAMESON:

1. Have any representations been made by the government of Nova Scotia or any person on its behalf to this government, looking towards the securing of an amendment to the British North America Act, whereby the representation of the province of Nova Scotia in this House as at present, may be maintained by said province?

2. If so, when were such representations made, and what action has been taken thereon?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No written representations have been made, but the subject has been discussed between the Dominion and provincial ministers.

BAIT SUPPLY.

Mr. JAMESON :

Have any complaints reached the Minister of Marine and Fisheries regarding the difficulty experienced by Canadian fishing vessels in obtaining a supply of bait in the Bay of Fundy, owing to the practical monopoly enjoyed by the American sardine packers in respect to the purchase of herring taken in weirs in waters contiguous to the county of Charlotte, New Brunswick? If so, what action does the minister intend to take to relieve the situation, and when will he act?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes; but inquiry did not reveal that there was any difficulty on the part of Canadian fishermen obtaining bait at the prices the fishermen were at the time receiving from sardine buyers.

FARM WEEDS.

Mr. FOSTER:

What has been paid for each edition of 'Farm Weeds,' published by the Department of Agriculture for preparation and printing, respectively, what number of each edition was published, by whom printed, and how was each edition distributed?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER:

First Edition.

Amount paid for preparation...\$ 116 95
Amount paid for printing... 26,770 49

\$26,887 44

Number published (English)... 20,000
Number published (French)... 5,000

Printed by Toronto Lithographing Company, (through King's Printer). Distribution was made free to public libraries, edu-

cational institutions and agricultural societies. Three copies being given to each member of the Senate and the House of Commons. Of course the amount for preparation is exclusive of the salaries of the permanent officers of the department who were engaged in the work. The cost of the work of these officers was not divided from their ordinary work.

Second Edition.

Not yet complete. 12,000 copies in English and 3,000 copies in French are being printed by Mortimer and Company, Ottawa, (through the King's Printer). Distribution to be made by the superintendent of stationery, in single copies at nominal price of \$1.

Distribution free to public libraries, universities and colleges of agriculture. Three copies given or to be given to each member of the Senate and the House of Commons. Amount paid for preparation...\$ 362 58
Amount paid for printing on account, 10,000 copies..... 13,990 60

Total.....\$14,353 18

Mr. FOSTER. Has the minister any figures as to the contract for printing the whole lot?

Mr. FISHER. No. I think it is printed by numbers, not a lump contract.

Mr. FOSTER. This is only what is paid to date?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. The minister might find out what the whole cost is.

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

LANDS ALONG LINE OF GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. FOSTER:

- 1. What lands have been sold along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway since the sales shown in sessional paper No. 69?
- 2. To whom sold?
- 3. At what prices?
- 4. For what purposes?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER:

- 1. N.E. 21, 53, 7, W. 5; N.W. 21; S.E. 21; S.W. 21; S.W. 27, 53, 8, W. 5; N.E. 27, 53, 9, W. 5; N.E. 2, 54, 16, W. 5; N.W. 2; S.E. 2; S.W. 2; N.E. 32, 53, 16, W. 5; N.W. 32; S.E. 32; S.W. 32; N. 15, 53, 17, W. 5; N.W. 15; S.E. 15; S.W. 15; N.E. 16; N.W. 16; S.E. 16; S.W. 16; S.E. 21, 53, 17, W. 5; S.E. 22; S.W. 22.

2. The Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Company.

3. These Crown lands were sold at \$3 per acre, the government, in addition, to receive one-fourth of the net proceeds of the sales,