

SECOND READING.

Bill (No. 144) for the relief of Jessie Maud Mary Maxwell.—Mr. Boyce.

QUESTIONS.

CANADIAN NAVAL SERVICE.

Mr. BOYCE:

1. What cruisers or other vessels, if any, have been purchased by the government for the proposed Canadian naval service?

2. What is the description of the vessels and what prices were paid for them, respectively?

Hon. WM. TEMPLEMAN:

1. Negotiations have been going on for the purchase of one steamer for the protection of the fisheries in British Columbia, and for the purchase of another ship in connection with the navy, subject to the money being voted by parliament.

2. Negotiations are not complete, and no moneys have been paid.

IMPORTED SEWER PIPE.

Mr. WALLACE:

How much duty was collected on vitrified sewer pipe last year under the dumping clause at Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Halifax and Vancouver, respectively?

Mr. TEMPLEMAN. The total duty collected on vitrified sewer pipe during the calendar year 1909, at the undermentioned ports, was as follows, under dumping clause:

	Duty collected under dumping clause.
Toronto . . . . .	
Montreal . . . . .	
Winnipeg . . . . .	\$ 46 76
Halifax . . . . .	
Vancouver . . . . .	834 13
Total . . . . .	\$ 880 89

Mr. WALLACE:

1. What amount of vitrified clay sewer pipe and fittings, in gross dollars, entered each province in Canada during 1909 from the United States and from Scotland, respectively?

2. What is the rate of duty on sewer pipe and fittings, both in double and single strength, also in first and seconds, from these two countries?

3. Is there a dumping clause on pipe and is it enforced?

4. What is the discount basis on pipe entering Ontario from the United States, and what is the discount basis on pipe entering Winnipeg and west, from factories located where the Western American list is used, and also where the Eastern list is used?

5. What amount of pipe entered Port Arthur during 1909, in gross dollars, was it invoiced in as firsts or seconds, and on what discounts was duty levied?

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6. What is the duty based on when pipe is shipped from Indiana and Ohio for shipment to Winnipeg and west?

7. What is the duty based on when shipped from Macomb, Illinois, to Winnipeg and west?

8. How often are the American selling prices for home consumption checked up, and when were they last checked?

Mr. TEMPLEMAN:

1. The imports of earthen sewer pipe and fittings entered for duty in each province, during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1909, from the United States, and the United Kingdom, respectively, were as follows:

	United Kingdom. Value.	United States. Value.
Ontario . . . . .	\$2,875	\$ 19,642
Quebec . . . . .	16,581	4,267
Nova Scotia . . . . .	407	428
New Brunswick . . . . .	1,258	120
Manitoba . . . . .	.....	19,437
British Columbia . . . . .	13,115	25,182
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	.....	.....
Alberta . . . . .	.....	57,241
Saskatchewan . . . . .	.....	9,492
Yukon . . . . .	18	.....
Total . . . . .	\$34,254	\$135,809

2. The rate of duty on earthenware sewer pipes, single or double strength, and fittings is as follows:

Under tariff item 284, 35 per cent general tariff.

Under tariff item 284, 25 per cent British preferential tariff.

3. Earthen sewer pipe being articles of a class or kind made in Canada, are subject to the provisions of the dumping clause. The dumping clause is enforced in cases where the collectors decide it to be applicable.

4. The price lists of sewer pipe usually imported from the United States are known as 'the Eastern Price List' and 'the Western Price List'. The basis of discount off these price lists to importers is treated as confidential by the Department of Customs.

5. The value of sewer pipe (invoiced as firsts and seconds) entered at Port Arthur during the fiscal year 1909 was \$2,496.

6. Sewer pipe shipped direct to Canada from Indiana is held to be dutiable on the basis of the eastern or western price list, according to the location of the shipping point in that state. Sewer pipe shipped direct from Ohio is held to be dutiable on the basis of the eastern price list.

7. Sewer pipe shipped to Canada from Macomb, Illinois, is held to be dutiable on the basis of the western price list.

8. The American selling prices are investigated at irregular intervals, and when considered necessary. The last report of investigation into these prices by a spe-