

POSTAL SERVICE IN TORONTO— PNEUMATIC TUBES.

Hon. GEORGE E. FOSTER. Before the Orders of the Day are called I would like to ask the Postmaster General (Sir William Mulock) a question with regard to the pneumatic tubes to be used in the city of Toronto. I see by the newspapers that the contract for the tubing has been awarded to Messrs. Alex. MacLaren Co., of Glasgow. But besides the tubing there is the work of digging the trench and laying the pipe. Would the Postmaster General—no doubt he has the information at hand—say whether tenders were called for in both these instances or not?

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK (Postmaster General). That matter is not in my department, but in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. FOSTER. I suppose the hon. gentleman knows the facts.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. As to the pneumatic tubing system, I am sure there were tenders, because I recollect the report of council, with the different tenders. I cannot speak about the other. But my colleague (Mr. Hyman) will be in his place again. Or, if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) will repeat the question to-morrow he will get the information.

POSTMASTER AT WAVERLEY.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT (East Simcoe). A few days ago I asked a question with reference to the post office at Waverley and the Postmaster General (Sir William Mulock) answered it. The following are the questions and reply.

1. Who is the postmaster at Waverley, Ontario?
2. Does he personally conduct the office?
3. Does he reside at the post office premises? If not, how far therefrom?

Hon. Sir WILLIAM MULOCK (Postmaster General):

1. Mr. John Anderson.
- 2 and 3. The department has no information as to whether the postmaster personally conducts the office or resides at the post office premises or elsewhere.

May I ask the Postmaster General if he cannot inform me whether the postmaster at Waverley does conduct that office personally or not?

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. That matter has not been before me since the day when the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Bennett's) question was asked. I will make further inquiry on the subject. I do not know the importance of this office, but I may say that throughout the country there are a large number of small post offices, the postmasters of which are not required to devote their time personally and exclusively to them, though they are supposed to give general super-

vision. If the hon. gentleman can tell me the importance of the office I may be able to tell him whether this is or is not one which would require the postmaster to devote his whole time to it.

Mr. BENNETT. Waverley is a place of fairly considerable importance. The postal revenue is about \$120 a year. As a matter of fact I can tell the Postmaster General that the postmaster lives about three miles away from the post office and has nothing to do with it.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK. I have no doubt there are hundreds of such cases in Canada—have been and always will be.

INQUIRY FOR RETURNS

Mr. T. S. SPROULE. I desire to inquire again about the return I moved for showing the number of appointments made in the civil service during years past and which, I was told, would be brought down at the earliest convenient moment. I have not heard of it since. The motion for the return was passed some time ago and I think the subject should receive attention.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. My hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) called my attention to this a few days ago. I understand that all the departments have to be gone into and the return covers also the work of several years. The hon. gentleman must admit that it will require some time to compile a return. I will keep the matter in hand. I will make another note of it.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Before the Orders of the Day are called I would like to remind the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) that we were promised to have brought down the paper relating to the tender for the international boundary line wire fence which was referred to yesterday. I trust it has not been forgotten.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I thought it would have been here to-day. It has not been forgotten.

LIVE STOCK RECORD ASSOCIATIONS.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. In view of the fact that his Excellency may come down next week to give his assent to some Bills, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher), if convenient to hon. gentleman will take up to-morrow the Bill relating to Live Stock Record associations. I give notice of this because some hon. gentlemen on the other side are interested with the question.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST.

House again in committee on Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES.