

exercise, he would exercise them until such time as they are changed. I would refer my hon. friend to section 15.

Sections 10 and 11 agreed to.

Section 12 allowed to stand.

Sections 13 and 14 agreed to.

On section 15,

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I want to amend that clause, but I would like to leave it in abeyance because I am consulting the representatives of the Territories as to the form in which this clause ought to be put; and until we finally agree on the terms, the amendment should not be proposed.

Section allowed to stand.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, May 11, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 149) respecting the South Shore Railway Company and the Quebec Southern Railway Company.—Mr. Brown.

Bill (No. 150) respecting the Interprovincial and James Bay Railway Company.—Mr. Brown.

Bill (No. 151) to incorporate L'Union St. Joseph du Canada.—Mr. Belcourt.

### QUESTIONS.

#### NORTH THOMPSON RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. What is the nature of the work being done for the improvement of navigation on the North Thompson river, B.C.?

2. What amount of timber was used in the cribbing and dams erected during 1904 and 1905, and by whom was it supplied?

3. What buildings have been erected in connection with this work, and at what cost?

4. What amount has been expended up to date upon this work?

5. How many men have been employed upon this work, in what capacity, and for how many days in all?

6. Is it a fact that a number of names appeared upon the pay-roll of this work of men who were not employed in any capacity on the work?

7. How much has been expended for supplies, other than tools and material, for use on this work?

Mr. FITZPATRICK.

Hon. CHAS. HYMAN (Acting Minister of Public Works) :

1. Cribwork and construction of dam.

2. Total amount of timber bought 33,449 feet; supplied by The South Thompson Saw-mill, Geo. Fennell, J. Milton, R. Struthers.

3. No buildings other than temporary camp and stables.

4. In 1903-4, \$2,975.64; 1904-5, \$6,540.18.

5. Forty men were employed; 1 conductor, 2 foremen, 3 axemen, 21 labourers, 1 cook, 1 helping cook, 2 engineers, 4 miners, 5 teamsters; total number of days, 2,094½.

6. Department has no information to that effect.

7. \$2,048.95.

#### SHERBROOKE DRILL SHED.

Mr. WORTHINGTON—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Is it the intention of the government to shortly commence the building of the drill shed in Sherbrooke?

2. Will tenders be called for in connection therewith? If so, when, and in what manner?

3. Have excavations been made on the site selected for the building, with a view to obtaining information regarding a satisfactory foundation?

4. Has the information obtained proved of an unsatisfactory nature, and no suitable bottom found for the foundations?

5. Has the government purchased an additional lot of land adjoining the original site? Or has it under consideration such purchase? Or is it in communication with any party or parties in Sherbrooke with a view to such purchase?

Hon. CHAS. HYMAN (Acting Minister of Public Works) :

1. Yes.

2. Yes, as soon as plans are completed; by public advertisement.

3. Yes.

4. No. A suitable foundation can be had at a depth of from 10 to 12 feet.

5. No.

#### MAGOG POST OFFICE.

Mr. WORTHINGTON—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Has the government under consideration the building of a Post Office in the Town of Magog?

2. Have any appropriations been made? If so, what are the amounts up to date?

3. Has a site been purchased or selected? If so, on what lot, what was the valuation and price paid?

4. Has the Post Office Department had any communication with any party or parties in Magog, to the effect that if the town council would buy a property belonging to, or standing in the name of, one Dr. West, that the government would pay one-half the cost and build the post office thereon?

5. Is it the intention of the department to call for tenders in connection with the construction of this building? If so, when, and in what manner?