

2. If not, to whom has it been conveyed, when, and for what price?

Hon. WILLIAM PATERSON (for the Minister of Militia):

1. No.

2. To Mr. H. Paxton Baird, on the 23rd of April, 1904, for the sum of \$1,250.

#### TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LOANS.

Mr. KEMP asked:

1. What is the total amount of money, if any, advanced to the government by temporary loans or overdrafts?

2. What is the period for which such amounts are loaned?

3. What are the rates of interest charged thereon?

4. Did the government place any permanent loans during the years 1904 and 1905?

5. If so, what is the amount of such loan?

6. At what rate of interest were such loans placed?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance):

1, 2, 3. Treasury bills of the government of Canada are now outstanding as follows:—£500,000 due 27th May, 1905, discounted for 6 months at 3½ per cent; £600,000 due 28th September, 1905, discounted for 6 months at 2½ per cent.

4, 5, 6. No permanent loans were placed during the years 1904 or 1905.

In 1904 arrangements were made to extend for three years a portion of a loan maturing 1st May, 1904, on terms which were stated by the Minister of Finance in the budget speech of the 24th June, 1904.

#### PAYMENTS TO LIFE-SAVING CREW, GRAND MANAN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. GANONG—by Mr. Uriah Wilson—asked:

1. What payments were made in 1904 to the coxswain and crew of the life saving station at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, New Brunswick, and on what dates were payments made?

2. Have any payments been made in 1905? If so, what were the several amounts, and for what services?

3. Are there any salaries now due? If so, what amounts, and to whom?

Hon. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries):

1. Coxswain's salary \$75; and boat drills, coxswain and crew, \$196; total, \$271 for 1903; paid February 9th, 1904.

2. Coxswain's salary \$75; and 14 boat drills at \$2 per man for season 1904, \$196; paid January 13th, 1905.

3. No salaries due.

#### DREDGING CONTRACT AT PORT ARTHUR AND FORT WILLIAM.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to ask the acting Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman), if he were here, when we may ex-

pect the report concerning the dredging at Port Arthur and Fort William as promised some time ago. I understood from the minister that he sent it to the Secretary of State; I do not know what he sent it there for.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). The acting Minister of Public Works is not present.

#### PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY IN THE NORTHWEST.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for the second reading of Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta, and the amendment of Mr. R. L. Borden thereto.

Mr. A. E. KEMP (East Toronto). Mr. Speaker, in continuing this debate I feel somewhat relieved when I realize that I am not a member of the legal profession, and therefore I shall not be expected to give any legal opinion in respect to the constitutional aspect of this question relating to the autonomy of the Northwest Territories. I intend to deal more particularly, and briefly, with that portion of this Bill having reference to educational matters; and the stand which I intend to take is that there is no practical difference between the original clause dealing with the educational question and the amendment thereto, of which notice has been given in this House; that, in substance and in principle, they are practically the same. I say that I do not intend to deal with the constitutional aspect of these clauses, because I intend to rest my position upon the argument put forward in this House by the leader of the opposition, a gentleman in whom, I think, we all have confidence, and especially do we have confidence in his legal opinions; therefore, I feel satisfied to rest my case in respect to this feature of the Bill upon his judgment. Sir, my premises will be that this parliament is not called upon to make what I believe to be an amendment to the constitution by forcing these educational clauses upon these provinces, and in that respect creating a constitution for them. I say that this parliament is not called upon to legislate in this manner, and that it is pursuing an unconstitutional course in doing so.

In discussing this Bill, many questions have been introduced which have no bearing upon the issues before us. The Quebec situation has been more than once, more than twice, more than a hundred times, referred to and dwelt upon by members of this House, sometimes in order, and sometimes out of order, I think. In dealing briefly with this matter, I would refer in passing to the speech of the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa), a speech which I could not but regard as inflammatory and as one which does not correctly represent the views of the people whose cause the hon. gentleman pro-