

That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House has appointed Mr. Bristol, member for the electoral district of Toronto Centre, a member of the joint committee of both House on the library and printing, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, in the room of Mr. Clarke deceased.

### QUESTIONS.

#### IMPORTATION OF TOBACCO.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked :

1. How much leaf tobacco was imported from the United States last year, and how much duty was paid upon the same ?

2. How much for cigars and smoking, and how much for manufacturing into chewing tobacco ?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Inland Revenue) :

1. The number of pounds (standard) of leaf tobacco imported and placed in excise warehouse for the year ending 30th June, 1904, was 13,210,690, and the quantity on which duty was paid when ex-warehoused for use for the same period was 12,139,700 pounds, and the amount of duty collected was \$1,278,455.09.

2. The statistics kept by the Department of Inland Revenue do not indicate the quantities used in the production of cigars, smoking and chewing.

#### MILITARY HOSPITAL ST. JOHNS, P.Q.

Mr. MONK—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. What are the names of those who tendered for the repairs executed by the government at the Military Hospital in St. Johns, P.Q. ?

2. What was the amount of said tenders ?

3. To whom was the contract awarded ?

4. How much has been paid to the said contractor ?

5. How much has said contractor claimed from the government for all work done by him at the said Military Hospital ?

6. Were tenders asked through the newspapers ? If so, through what newspapers ?

Hon. Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence) :

1. Louis Bourassa and Peter O'Cain.

2. Louis Bourassa, \$286 ; Peter O'Cain, \$320.

3. Louis Bourassa.

4. Main contract, \$286 ; \* extras, \$163.05 ; total, \$449.05.

\* While the contract was under way extra work was reported necessary by the engineer officer, and authorized as follows :

7.3 square ceilings, col. sergts' quarters, at \$6. . . . .	\$43 80
16.5 square ceilings, hospital, at \$6. . . . .	99 25
Cutting through chimney for ventilator. . . . .	4 00
Repairs to plaster. . . . .	10 00
Oiling floors. . . . .	6 00
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Sir WILFRID LAURIER.

5. \$449.05.

6. No ; tenders were asked by circular.

#### GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC SURVEYS—MADAWASKA.

Mr. COSTIGAN asked :

Has any request been made to the Grand Trunk Pacific commissioners in connection with the preliminary surveys through the western part of Madawaska county, N.B., to examine a line up the St. John river to the mouth of Little river, in the parish of Saint Francis, N.B., and up the valley of the Little river, and on to or near the junction of Blue river with the Saint Francis river, in the province of Quebec ? If so, has any examination of that route been made ?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals) :

1. A suggestion was received by the Trans-continental Railway Commission that a good line could be had by leaving the St. Francis at or near the mouth of the Blue river, keeping east and north of Bau lake and striking to the river St. John by the valley of Little river or Baker brook.

2. No survey was made by way of Little river, for the reason that it was considered by the chief engineer and district engineer that such a line would be longer than the one at present obtained by way of Baker brook.

#### BONDED WAREHOUSE FOR SOFT COAL.

Mr. BOYCE asked :

1. Has the government established, or does it contemplate the establishment of, a bonded warehouse for soft coal at Sault Ste. Marie, to any company or individual ?

2. If this has been established, to whom was the privilege granted, when, and upon what grounds ?

Hon. WILLIAM PATERSON (Minister of Customs). Imported coal has been permitted to be warehoused at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The warehouses are established on the application of an importer desirous of warehousing coal, as provided in General Order in Council of December 22, 1881.

No application for a warehouse of this class at Sault Ste. Marie is now pending before the Customs Department.

The privilege of warehousing coal at Sault Ste. Marie has been granted to New Ontario Dock Company in May, 1903, and to the Lake Superior Corporation in July, 1904, on the ground that the applicants were importers of coal desirous of warehousing same.

A. B. CASTONGUAY.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES asked :

1. Was one A. B. Castonguay dismissed from the Dominion Police Force within the past six or nine months ? If so, for what reasons ?

2. Has the said Castonguay since been appointed to a position in the Department of Marine and Fisheries ?