

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, May 4, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

QUESTIONS.

HERRING INDUSTRY EXPERIMENTS.

Mr. LEFURGUEY—by Mr. A. Martin—asked:

1. What work does the government contemplate with regard to the further carrying on of the herring industry experiments at Canso, Nova Scotia?
2. Has the work thus far been satisfactory, and is it the intention to have the fishermen of that locality and elsewhere instructed in this industry?
3. Is there a Mr. Cowie employed by the government in connection with this industry?
4. If so, at what salary, and how much has he received up to date?

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

1. Continuing the experiments of last year.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Five dollars per day whilst engaged in connection with the work. Mr. Cowie has received, up to date, \$1,585.

TRADING STAMPS.

Mr. STOCKTON—by Mr. Taylor—asked:

1. Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation during the present session, with a view of suppressing what are known as trading stamps (timbres de commerce)?
2. If so, when will the Bill be introduced?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). The question is under consideration. An answer will be given at an early day.

IMPORTATION OF DREDGING PLANT.

Mr. BENNETT asked:

1. How many dredges, dredging scows, and dredging plants were imported into Canada in the years 1902, 1903 and 1904?
2. By whom, respectively, were such dredges and dredging scows imported?
3. By what names, numbers or other method were such dredges and dredging scows described in the entry?
4. What was the valuation placed on each dredge and dredging outfit?
5. What was the amount of duty paid on each dredge or dredging scow?

Hon. WILLIAM PATERSON (Minister of Customs). Dredges, dredging scows and dredging plants imported into Canada have not been classified in the Trade and Navigation tables under these headings. Dredges, dredging scows and dredging plant are not mentioned under these terms in the customs tariff, and when entered for duty are classi-

fied as 'manufactures of wood,' 'machinery,' &c., according to material. The extent of the importations in 1902, 1903 and 1904 could not be ascertained without a lengthy examination of entries at various ports covering these years. It is not usual to disclose the particulars of individual entries made at the custom-house.

GOVERNMENT DOCK, SAULT ST. MARIE.

Mr. BOYCE asked:

1. What was the total amount expended by the government upon purchase, construction and extension of the government dock at Sault Ste. Marie, and to whom were such amounts paid, respectively?
2. How was the contract for construction of extension (1904) let?
3. If by tender, were there more tenders than one, and was the lowest tender accepted?
4. Was the contract let to the firm or person whose tender was accepted?
5. Was the work carried on and completed by the person or firm to whom it was let? If not, why not?
6. What was the contract price, and did it include timber?
7. Who was the contractor, and who supplied the timber?
8. Were any extras allowed? If so, what was the amount of same, and of what did such consist?
9. Was any dredging included in said contract or incident thereto? If so, what amount, at what rates; and was such dredging performed according to plan and specifications?
10. Under whose immediate local supervision was the work performed?
11. What salary or remuneration was paid for such superintendence?
12. During construction of extension of dock was a wharfinger employed? If so, who was he, and at what rate was he paid?
13. Does the government maintain a cartage system in connection with the dock?
14. Has the government granted exclusive privileges to any person or corporation of draying and carting freight delivered on the dock? If so, to whom and upon what terms, and when was it granted?
15. What applications, if any, have been made to the government by steamship lines or other persons or companies for privileges of (a) landing and storing coal on said dock, (b) landing passengers and freight? If so, upon what grounds were applications based for storing of coal on said dock?
16. Have any such applications been granted? If so, upon what ground, to whom, on what date, and upon what terms?
17. What rates of dockage are charged on freight landed at the dock?
18. Is there a dockage tariff now in existence? If so, when was it framed?
19. What were the running expenses and revenue of dock during years 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904?
20. Has any application been made to the government for construction of a warehouse or other building on said dock? If so, when, and by whom?
21. Is it the intention of the government to erect any such warehouse, offices or other buildings thereon? If so, has any contract for such been let, to whom and upon what terms?