

been, since the 1st of July, 1904, replaced by automatic acetylene gas lights?

2. What annual saving will these changes effect?

3. How many keepers have in consequence of these changes been dismissed?

4. Who were they, and what were their former salaries?

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

1. Thirty-two.

2. \$910.

3. Five.

4. Thomas Fraser, Windmill Point light, \$180; John Hamilton, Hamilton's island light, \$130; Barnaby Malette, lightship No. 1, \$250; Vital Crépin, lightship No. 2, \$300; Michel Allard, lightship No. 3, \$300.

HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD.

Mr. A. MARTIN asked:

1. Has the government decided to distribute among the provinces interested, the amount of the award received by Canada, generally known as the Halifax Fishery Award?

2. If so, on what basis is the distribution proposed to be made?

3. If not, is the question to be submitted for decision to the Privy Council of England or the Supreme Court of Canada?

4. Will the government take action in regard to the settlement of this question during the present session of parliament, if not, already settled?

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

1. No.

2, 3 and 4, answered by No. 1.

Mr. A. MARTIN. Is the third section of the question answered?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. Yes, it is answered by the first.

Mr. A. MARTIN. It is not answered by the first. I must say that these questions are not answered. The third section of the question reads:

If not, is the question to be submitted for decision to the Privy Council of England or the Supreme Court of Canada?

Is that answered?

Mr. PREFONTAINE. Yes, that is answered, 'no', the same as the first part of the question.

DREDGING AT RUSTICO HARBOUR.

Mr. A. MARTIN asked:

1. What has been done by the government during 1904 to dredge the harbour at Rustico, Prince Edward Island?

2. Has the sandbank in the harbour been removed?

3. If not, what steps are to be taken to remove it?

4. How much has been spent on this work last season; what were the means used in performing the work, and who had charge of it?

5. How many vessels were lost or stranded on this bar during the season of 1904?

Hon. CHARLES HYMAN (Acting Minister of Public Works). No dredging was done during 1904.

5. According to information supplied by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, only one vessel was reported wrecked at Rustico, during the year 1904.

RESOLUTIONS RE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AUTONOMY.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN (South York). I would like to ask the Prime Minister whether it is his intention to give notice of resolutions in connection with the Autonomy Bill and when we may expect these resolutions.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It is not expected that the second reading of this Bill will be taken for some time to come. I cannot say when the resolutions will be introduced, but they will be introduced in ample time for consideration on the second reading of the Bill.

INQUIRY FOR RETURNS.

Hon. GEORGE E. FOSTER. I would like to call the attention of the ministers to the delay in bringing down returns. The delay seems a little inordinate; may be it is not, but I would like to draw the attention of the Premier to the following: There are the returns from the Minister of Railways with reference to the hay transport question. We think that by this time they should be ready and we would like to get them as soon as possible. Then there is one with reference to the Royal Mint and another, of which I cannot complain, because it has not been passed so long, with reference to public buildings in towns of 5,000 population, or less. That is a return which should take a very short time to prepare and I would be glad to have it as soon as possible.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals). I might explain with reference to the motion for a return for papers connected with the transportation of hay that the mails and trains have been so impeded in Cape Breton that we have not been able to gather up the certificates. They have to be brought in from the different stations to Moncton and then forwarded on here. We have been waiting for a complete return and I can assure my hon. friend that the information will be brought down at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. FOSTER. That is a fair excuse unless we throw it back on the minister and say he is there to see that the trains are kept running.