

the Bill be given the second reading, and that the committee to which it is referred should examine the question of jurisdiction, and ascertain the opinion of the Department of Justice with regard to the jurisdiction of Parliament, which might be reported to this House. I agree with the suggestion of my hon. friend from St. John (Mr. Pugsley) that notice should be given to the Attorney General of the province of Ontario in order that he might come before the committee and urge the objections, if any, which the Government of the province might offer to any action on the part of this Parliament in respect to the matter.

Mr. NESBITT: Just to clear this matter up, may I ask the hon. member for Brantford if the Grand Valley railway was chartered by the Dominion, or was the Brantford Street railway chartered by the Dominion?

Mr. COCKSHUTT: The Grand Valley railway was chartered by the Dominion, and the company acquired the street railway as well as the radials, taking over the running powers as well as the construction.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time, and referred to Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. MORPHY moved the second reading of Bill No. 31, to incorporate the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh Day Adventists. He said: The Bill is more or less like the ordinary Bill to incorporate, by way of a merger, several branches of a religious denomination, under the name of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh Day Adventists. The parties who are to be the heads of the corporation are named in Section 1, and the corporation itself is for the purpose, not only of constituting the branches of this particular religious denomination into one consolidated body, but of giving them the usual power of holding lands and disposing of them.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

QUESTIONS.

[Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.]

REVENUE FROM SPECIAL TAXES.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

1. What was the revenue for the present fiscal year to January 31, 1916, from special taxes? [Sir Robert Borden.]

2. What was the revenue received for the same period from stamps, proprietary drugs and from liquors, respectively?

3. And from all other sources exclusive of the ordinary postal revenues?

Mr. BLONDIN:

1. Customs: from additional customs duties (war tax), \$19,466,035.65.

Finance: from tax on circulation of chartered banks, under Section 3 of the Special War Revenue Act, 1915, \$1,028,707.28; from tax on income of trust and loan companies, under Section 4 of the Special War Revenue Act, 1915, to February 11, 1915, \$258,973.40; from tax on insurance companies, under Section 5 of the Special War Revenue Act, 1915, \$352,423.39; total, \$1,640,104.07.

Inland revenue: \$1,166,156.09.

2. Inland revenue: proprietary medicines, \$223,038.60; war tax (estimated), \$56,076.30; total, \$279,114.90. Liquors, \$6,115,412.29; war tax (estimated), \$266,163.29; total, \$6,381,575.58.

Inland revenue: stamps, \$617,096.85; railroads, steamships, embossed cheques, \$549,059.24.

3. Customs: customs duties, not including war tax, duties on drugs or liquors, \$56,003,500.43; customs storage charges, \$7,292.88; proceeds from sales of unclaimed goods, \$3,259.96; seizures, \$217,028(60); casual revenue, \$1,364.22; total, \$56,232,446.09.

CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

How many appointments of civil servants have been made by the present Administration under the provisions of section 21 of the Civil Service Act?

Mr. BLONDIN:

	Compe- tion	Without Compe- tion.
Agriculture	3	29
Commission of Conservation	5	5
External Affairs	1	1
Governor General's Secretary	1	1
House of Commons	21	2
Indian Affairs	3	3
Interior	15	11
Inland Revenue	1	17
Justice	12	12
Labour	1	1
Library of Parliament	1	1
Mines	18	13
Marine and Fisheries	2	4
Militia and Defence	9	9
Naval Service	4	2
Post Office	1	5
Privy Council	1	1
Public Works	13	28
Printing and Stationery	1	1
Railways and Canals	2	2
R.N.W.M. Police	1	1
Senate	1	7
Secretary of State	1	1
Trade and Commerce	3	3
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