

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE (Hon. F. W. Borden) :

1. Yes.
2. Officers of the headquarters staff, certain district officers commanding, certain officers of the North-west Mounted Police, and probably the services of other officers will be required. The only officers not in permanent employment so far detailed are Capt. F. W. L. Moore, 4th Regt. Canadian Artillery, and 2nd Lieut. G. S. Beer, Nelson Rifle Company.
3. No.
4. No pay or salary has been arranged for. An officer is entitled to the pay of his rank while employed.

OPERATION OF TICKET-OF-LEAVE ACT.

Mr. LaRIVIERE asked :

1. How many convicts have been conditionally liberated from each of the various penitentiaries, jails and prisons in Canada under 'The Ticket-of-Leave Act' ?
2. How many have since been re-arrested and re-convicted for the same or other offences?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick) :

1. Kingston, 55; St. Vincent de Paul, 54; Dorchester, 35; New Westminster, 9; Stony Mountain, 6; Central prison, Toronto, 28; Montreal jail, 9; Aylmer jail, 1; Sorel jail, 1; Halifax County jail, 1; New Westminster jail, 1; Regina jail, 1; Nelson jail, 1; Quebec jail, 1; Penetanguishene reformatory, 1; Dawson jail, 1; Andrew reformatory, 1; Ottawa jail, 1; over 208.

2. So far as the Department of Justice is aware, seven have since been re-arrested and re-convicted for a similar or other offences.

ADVANCES MADE TO SETTLERS IN MANITOBA.

Mr. LaRIVIERE asked :

Is it the intention of the government to reduce the rate of interest on the unpaid balance of the loans and advances made to the settlers in Manitoba in about the year 1876, as was done in the case of the Mennonites?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Hon. Clifford Sifton). I beg to say that the subject to which the hon. gentleman refers is under consideration at the present time. No definite decision has been arrived at. I hope to be able to say more upon the subject before the session is over.

MANUFACTURE OF BINDER TWINE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. BLAIN asked :

To whom was the binder twine, manufactured by the government, sold in 1900? At what price was the binder twine, manufactured by the government, sold in 1900? What was the cost of raw material and manufacture of binder twine in 1900?

Mr. BOURASSA.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick). As I presume this question refers to the operation of the twine industry during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, my hon. friend will find the answer to the information he asks for at pages M-46, 47 and 48 of the Auditor General's Report. As to the last branch of the question, it has not been the custom nor the policy of the government, since the inception of the binder twine industry, to give the cost of the raw material until such time as the product has been marketed for the season.

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. MONK asked :

1. What was the total amount contributed by the present government to the reconstruction of the Victoria bridge at Montreal?
2. What is the amount paid annually by the government for the use of the Victoria bridge by the Government railway?
3. What is the amount paid annually by the government for the use of the Grand Trunk Railway from Ste. Rosalie to St. Lambert, for the government railway?
4. What is the amount paid annually by the government for the use made by the Intercolonial Railway of the Grand Trunk Railway terminal facilities at Montreal?
5. Is there anything in the conditions of the grants or arrangements above referred to between the government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada which restricts the latter from making its shipping port at Portland, to the exclusion of Montreal?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

1. The total amount contributed by the present government towards the reconstruction of the Victoria bridge at Montreal was \$500,000.
2. The amount paid annually by the government for the use of the Victoria bridge by the government railway is \$40,000.
3. The amount paid annually by the government for the use of the Grand Trunk Railway from Ste. Rosalie to St. Lambert for the government railway is \$37,000.
4. The amount paid annually by the government for the use of the Grand Trunk Railway terminal facilities at Montreal is \$62,500.
5. There is nothing in the conditions of the grants or arrangements above referred to between the government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada which restricts the latter from making a shipping port of Portland.

HYDRAULIC MINING LEASES.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked :

Referring to the list of hydraulic mining leases on p. 55, Annual Report of the Department of the Interior, 1900—

- (a) What is the date of each lease?
- (b) What conditions or terms, if any, of these leases respectively have been complied with?