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POST OFFICE CLERKS—GRADE 5
Mr. ROSS (Kingston):
1. How many clerks are engaged in grade 4 and lower grade post offices who are paid their salary by the government?
2. What are the names of grade 6 and lower grade post offices where postal clerks are paid their salary by the government?
3. How much would it cost the country if the salaries of postal clerks in grade 6 and lower grade post offices were raised to the level of grade 7 and 8 post offices?
4. Will the government legislate this year to raise salaries of postal clerks of grade 6 and lower grade post offices?

Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. 437 postal clerks.
2. Amherst, Belleville, Brandon, Brantford, Brockville, Charlottetown, Chatham, Chicoutimi, Collingwood, Cornwall, Fort William, Fredericton, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Kitcheners, Lethbridge, Lindsay, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Niagara Falls, North Bay, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Portage la Prairie, Prince Albert, Prince Rupert, St. Catharines, St. Hyacinthe, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Sharnbrooke, Smiths Falls, Stratford, Sydney, Three Rivers, Truro, Woodstock, Yarmouth.
3. Immediate cost approximately \$36,960. Eventual cost approximately \$48,480.
4. Not a matter for legislation; salaries of postal clerks are fixed by Civil Service Commission.

THOMAS J. MCMULLEN.
Mr. HANSON:
1. Has Thomas J. McMullen, postmaster at Canterbury Station, New Brunswick, been dismissed?
2. If so, when and for what cause?
3. Were any charges laid against him of any character? If so, what were they and by whom were they laid?
4. Was an investigation held? If so, by whom and when?
5. Has John B. Depow received a temporary appointment as acting postmaster at Canterbury Station?
6. Is the government aware that the said John B. Depow is an undischarged bankrupt?

Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. Yes.
2. By order in council of March 26, 1927—on account of active political partisanship.
3. Charges were made by C. Lundau, M.D., Andrew Depow, James B. Grant and Everett C. Gould that postmaster acted as a political partisan, especially during the last federal election.
4. Yes—by Commissioner H. C. Ramsey, barrister of Bathurst, on the 3rd March, 1927.
5. Yes.
6. No.

JOLIETTE POSTMASTERSHIP
Mr. CAHAN:
1. Why is the appointment of a postmaster to fill the vacancy at Joliette, Quebec, being delayed?
2. In filling this vacancy will a preference be given to a veteran of the late war?
Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. On instructions from the Postmaster General.
2. Permanent appointment will be made according to provisions of the Civil Service Act.

BONDED WAREHOUSES—NOVA SCOTIA
Mr. QUINN:
1. Has the Department of Customs and Excise received advice of the passing of an order in council by the government of Nova Scotia, advising that the government of Nova Scotia does not concur in the right of bonded warehouses in Nova Scotia to ship liquor duty paid?
2. If the Department of Customs and Excise has received such notification, what action has been taken in respect to same?
3. If no action has been taken, what does the Minister of Customs propose to do about the matter?

Hon. Mr. RINFRET:
1. No.
2. and 3. Answered by No. 1.

MONTMAGNY RETURNING OFFICER—TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES
Mr. LAFLAMME:
What transportation expenses (mileage) were paid to the returning officer for the county of Montmagny in the general elections of 1926?

Hon. Mr. RINFRET:
Mr. Telesphore Coulombe, the returning officer for the county of Montmagny in the general election of 1926, was paid \$79.70 as transportation expenses.

YANKEE HARBOUR COMMISSION EMPLOYEES

Mr. COOTE:
1. Are the following parties in the employ of the Yankee harbour commission: Charles O. Quinn, Mr. McCall, Ex-M.L.A.; Maurice Quin; C. L. White, K. G. Burns; John McLeod; Reggie Webb; Norman Harris?
2. When was each one appointed and what is salary in each case?
3. What duties does each one perform?
4. How many of these are new positions?

Hon. Mr. CARDIN:
1. All in the employ of the commissioners with the exception of Norman Harris.
2. Name—Date of Appointment—Salary
C. O. Julian, October, 1922, \$250 month; J. A. McCall, March 20, 1925, \$225 month; M. Quin, August, 1923, \$300 month; C. L. White, February, 1924, \$400 month; K. J. Burns, September, 1924, \$8,000 year; John McLeod, February, 1924, \$225 month; R. A. Webb, November, 1923, \$175 month.
3. C. O. Julian, Trade Representative; J. A. McCall, Trade Representative on Praries; M. Quin, Chief Electrician; C. L. White, Comptroller; K. J. Burns, General Superintendent; John McLeod, General Superintendent's Clerk; R. A. Webb, Cost Clerk.
4. C. O. Julian was appointed to present position February 5, 1926. The position occupied by J. A. McCall was created on March 17, 1925. The position of chief electrician was created in July, 1923. C. L. White assumed the duties of comptroller in October, 1925. K. J. Burns succeeded R. E. Beattie as general superintendent in September, 1924. J. McLeod was made clerk to general superintendent January 1, 1925. R. A. Webb, position created on recommendation of auditors on October 1, 1926.

CALGARY POST OFFICE SITE

Mr. ADSHEAD:
1. Did the Dominion government purchase one or two lots to the east of the Calgary post office site?
2. If so, was the price \$412,000?
3. To whom was the money paid?
4. How many buildings were on the lots?
5. Who was the vendor?
6. When was the deal made, where is the steel and other material that was salvaged, stored?

Hon. Mr. ELLIOTT:
1, 2 and 5.
Lot No. 4 purchased from C. A. Wallace for \$ 65,215
Lot No. 5, purchased from J. C. VanWart for 61,250
Lot No. 6 purchased from J. C. VanWart for 52,200
Lot No. 7, purchased from J. C. McNeil 100,000
Part of lot No. 8 purchased from J. A. McKenzie for 33,800
Total \$312,465

3. To vendors.
4. Five.
6. (a) Lots 4, 5 and 6 were purchased in April 1913, and lot 7 and part of lot 8 were purchased in June 1914; (b) There was no salvage from the buildings purchased as they were sold by public auction.

WEST POINT BREAKWATER—P.E.I.

Mr. MACDONALD (Kings):
1. Is the Department of Public Works proceeding with repairs to the West Point breakwater in Prince Edward Island?
2. Is this work being done by contract or otherwise?
3. Were tenders called in connection with it?
4. Give the names of tenderers, and amount of each tender, respectively?
5. If no contract is in force under what terms is the work being carried on?

Hon. Mr. ELLIOTT:
1. Yes.
2. By contract.
3. Yes.
4. Andrew Martin & Alfred Peters, \$6,000; Henry J. Phillips, \$6,826; John T. Stewart and Vernon Matthew, \$7,778.
5. Answered by No. 2.

Mr. MACDONALD (Kings):

1. What is the condition of the breakwater at Souris, Prince Edward Island?
2. Was a contract let for repairs to this work in the year 1927? If so, to whom, and why was the work not proceeded with?
3. Is it the intention to revive at this session the vote of \$36,500 placed in the estimates of the year 1925 for repairs on said breakwater?

Hon. Mr. ELLIOTT:
1. Face of outer block showing signs of weakness and gradual settlement has taken place in the stone slope along middle section.
2. (a) Yes (b) John E. Campbell (c) Owing to lateness of season and inability of contractor to secure stone, contract was cancelled.
3. Matter under consideration.

GERMAN REPARATIONS—INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS

Mr. CANTLEY:
1. Is the so-called interim report of the reparations commissioner final in respect to the 1477 awards mentioned therein?
2. Does the reparations commissioner agree with a statement made in the House of Commons that the so-called interim report was subject to revision in the final report on the 13 remaining claims?
3. Has the final report of the reparations commissioner on the 13 remaining claims been delivered to the Secretary of State or to his department?
4. Has the commissioner advised when the final or supplementary report will be ready?
5. Is the government aware of the fact that a great number of these claimants are in impoverished circumstances?

Hon. Mr. RINFRET:
1. Yes.
2. The statement made in the House on 24th February referred to an apportionment of the moneys on hand from the Dawes payments and not to any changes in the report.
3. Report has been delivered upon seven of the remaining 13 claims.
4. No.
5. Correspondence on files of reparations commissioner and of Department Secretary of State discloses that some of the claimants are in impoverished circumstances.

BERNOLD POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. SPENCE (Parkdale):
1. Has any change been made in the postmastership at Bernold, Saskatchewan?
2. If so, for what reasons?
3. Have any charges been laid against the said postmaster?
4. If so, of what nature and by whom?
5. Will the said postmaster be named in an investigation into any charge made against him?

Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. Yes.
2. Active political partisanship.
3. Yes.
4. Member for constituency stated that he had personal knowledge of the postmaster's political activities and also submitted declarations from S. E. Lowrie, W. P. Cornell and Jas. Manning of Bernold, preferring charges of active political partisanship.
5. Not the practice in cases in which a member is prepared to state that of his own knowledge an offence contravening the provisions of the Civil Service Act, respecting political partisanship, has been committed.

Mr. MAYBEE:
1. Was T. B. Richards discharged as overseer of Murray canal?
2. If so, by whom was the charge laid against him?
3. Was there an investigation?
4. If not, why?
5. Is it the policy of the government to dismiss civil servants without investigation?
Hon. Mr. DUNNING:
1. Yes.
2. R. H. McCrudden.
3. Yes.
4. Answered by No. 3.
5. Investigation is customary unless charge is made by the sitting member of his own knowledge.

CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENTS—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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Mr. BIRD:
1. Is it the intention of the government to reintroduce the measure of last session dealing with financial assistance to settlers on crown lands?
2. If not, why?
Hon. Mr. FORKE:
1. This bill will not be introduced this session.
2. The bill as introduced last session might be of some benefit to settlers on crown lands. It is probable, however, that legislation will be introduced next session that will meet the situation in a more satisfactory manner.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 1927

Mr. BENNETT:
What sum does the Canadian National Railway require during 1927 for: (a) construction of branch lines; (b) additions and improvement of railway; (c) equipment; (d) other capital expenditures?
Hon. Mr. DUNNING:
(a) On former branch lines (to complete), \$1,600,000; on new branch line program, \$7,350,000; the latter is to make possible 237 miles of grading, 94.3 miles of track and 102.3 miles of ballast.
(b) \$17,894,418.32.
(c) Government loan (estimates of 1926-27 passed February 10, 1927), \$5,000,000; equipment trust issue for fifteen millions will provide balance of requirement.
(d) No capital expenditures other than those enumerated.

RODNEY POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. OOTT:
1. Has a vacancy recently occurred in the post office service at Rodney, Ontario?
2. Has an appointment to fill the vacancy been made? If so, is it temporary or permanent?
3. Who is the appointee?
4. What part does the Civil Service Commission play in rural post office appointments?
5. Will returned soldiers be shown any preference when filling the position permanently?

Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. Yes.
2. A temporary appointment has been authorized pending the Civil Service Commission's selection.
3. William Toimie.
4. Civil Service Commission makes selection of permanent incumbents in cases where salary exceeds \$200 a year.
5. Appointment will be made according to provisions of Civil Service Act.

CAMPBELLFORD POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. MAYBEE:
1. Has the postmastership of Campbellford, Ontario, been advertised?
2. If so, when?
3. Has an appointment been made?
4. If so, what is the name of the appointee?
5. If not, what is the cause of delay?
Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. Yes.
2. From the 22nd to the 30th of September, 1926.
3, 4 and 5. No. Matter before Civil Service Commission.

ISAIE V. LÉGER

Mr. PRICE:
1. Was Isaié V. Léger dismissed from the postmastership of St. Grégoire, county of Kent, New Brunswick? If so, when?
2. In what year was he appointed?
3. What was the remuneration of his office?
4. Who recommended his dismissal?
5. On what charge?
6. Was an investigation held?
7. If not, why?
Hon. Mr. VENIOT:
1. Yes, 20th March, 1927.
2. January 1, 1905.
3. \$60.
4. Member for constituency.
5. Active political partisanship.
6 and 7. Not the practice in cases in which a member is prepared to state that of his own knowledge an offence contravening the provisions of the Civil Service Act, respecting political partisanship, has been committed.