

for fuel in Canada; (b) the quality and probable cost of manufacture; (c) the names of companies now or at any time manufacturing; (d) and any other information in the possession of the government or any member or official thereof in regard thereto?

Hon. WM. TEMPLEMAN (Minister of Inland Revenue):

1. (a) Yes, concerning deposits favourably situated as regards transportation and markets. It must be understood that peat is very plentiful in Canada, and naturally all deposits have not yet been seen or estimated.

(b) Yes. See Bulletin on Peat and Mines Branch.

(c) Yes. See Bulletin on Peat and Mines Branch.

(d) An official of the Mines Branch has been in Europe studying the industry there. His report is now being prepared and will be submitted to the House during the present session.

BORING FOR COAL IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mr. A. MARTIN asked:

1. Has the government undertaken any survey in boring for coal in Prince Edward Island?

2. If so, (a) what progress has been made; (b) what is the report of the engineer in charge; (c) the cost of such survey, &c., and to whom paid?

Hon. WM. TEMPLEMAN (Minister of Inland Revenue):

1. Yes. Dr. Ellis studied the island with reference to possibility of finding coal in 1902, and published his results in the summary report for that year, recommending locations for bore-holes. He was also there this summer to point out the most suitable spot for the first test hole.

2. None. No boring has yet been done. The government has offered to defray a portion of the expense, but so far has not been called upon.

VICTOR GAUDETTE, ADVOCATE, MONTREAL.

Mr. BERGERON—by Mr. Taylor—asked:

1. Has Mr. Victor Gaudette, advocate, Montreal, been employed by any, and which, department of the government at Sorel, or elsewhere, at any time during the past two years?

2. If so, for what length of time was he employed, what were his duties, and what compensation was paid to him for his services?

3. Has Mr. Gaudette made any written report in respect of the matters which thus occupied his attention?

4. If so, what is the nature of the report, and will it be laid upon the table of the House?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries):

Mr. A. MARTIN.

1. Mr. Gaudette was appointed to investigate alleged irregularities on the part of a foreman of works on Lake St. Peter.

2. His duties were as indicated, and so far two advances amounting to \$600 have been made to him.

3. No report has yet been received.

4. When received his report will be placed on the table of the House

MR. HODGINS AND NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN asked:

1. Has Mr. Hodgins, C.E., retired, resigned, or been dismissed from the service of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission?

2. If so, on what grounds and for what reasons?

3. Has any investigation been held, or is any investigation proposed in this matter?

Hon. G. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. Yes.

2. Services as district engineer on construction unsatisfactory.

3. No investigation has been held, and none is considered necessary.

INSPECTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FACTORIES.

Mr. MARSHALL asked:

Is it the intention of the government to appoint inspectors in every fruit and vegetable factory in Ontario? If so, when?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture). No. A sufficient number of inspectors will be maintained to see that the provisions of the Meat and Canned Foods Act, applicable to these establishments, are complied with.

EX-JUDGE J. A. OUMET.

Mr. ROCH LANCTOT asked:

1. Has the Honourable J. A. Ouimet, former judge of the Court of King's Bench in Montreal, asked to be pensioned?

2. How many years before making such request had he performed the duties of judge?

3. What reasons did he give in support of his request to be pensioned?

Hon. A. B. AYLESWORTH (Minister of Justice):

1. Mr. Justice Ouimet applied by letter of January 27, 1906, to be pensioned.

2. Nine years, eight months, eight days.

3. Ill-health, supported by the certificate of his physician, Dr. P. E. Mount, to the effect that he was afflicted with chronic cystitis.

PROHIBITION ZONE ON GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. AMES asked:

By whom and under whose authority was a prohibition zone created along the line of