

Mr. PELLETIER: Fourteen post offices have been closed in the county Pictou during the year 1913. Their names are as follows: Burnside, Concord, Elgin, Lorne, Lorne Station, Marshdale, Minto, Murrayfield, Rocklin, Royal Centre, Scotsburn, Stillman, Union Centre, Whitehall. The Churchville post office, instructions for the closing of which were issued on the 16th December, 1913, was not closed until the 31st January, 1914.

#### JOLIETTE PUBLIC BUILDING.

Mr. SEGUIN:

1. Does the Public Works Department contemplate the erection of a new post office building at Joliette? If so, will such building replace the present one? If not, in what part of the town and what street will the new building be erected?
2. What will be the location of the public building for which an amount of \$10,000 has been placed in the Estimates for 1914-1915?
3. At whose request will that building be erected, at what place and on what street of the town of Joliette does the department intend to have that building erected?
4. Has such building been asked for during several years past, and what parties have made such requests?

Mr. ROGERS: No. Plans are being prepared for an addition to the present building.

#### HANTSPORT PUBLIC BUILDING.

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD:

1. Has any site been obtained for the new public building at Hantsport, Nova Scotia?
2. If so, from whom was it obtained?
3. When was it obtained?
4. What was the price?
5. On whose recommendation was the site fixed upon?

Mr. J. D. REID:

1. Yes.
2. Mr. William S. Whitman.
3. Order in Council, January 7, 1914.
4. \$1,000.
5. On the recommendation of the departmental purchasing agent.

#### PICTOU COUNTY RURAL MAIL.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has a rural mail delivery route between Merigomish station, Lismore, Pictou county, been established?
2. If not between those points, between Merigomish and what other point has it been?
3. Have orders been given to close any post office along the route? If so, what offices?

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. Instructions were issued on the 8th of January, 1914, for the establishment of a rural mail delivery service over the route between Knoydart and Merigomish via

Lismore; the service to be inaugurated as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.

2. See answer to No. 1.

3. Yes. Ponds post office and Lower Barney's River post office.

#### THE NIOBE'S CREW.

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD:

1. How many officers are now on duty on the Niobe?
2. How many men are in service on the Niobe?
3. How many officers are now in duty in connection with the Naval College at Halifax?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. On January 15, 1914, commissioned and warrant officers, 14.
2. On January 15, 1914, 155.
3. On January 15, 1914, 8.

#### MINERAL DEPOSIT NEAR HULL.

Mr. DEVLIN:

1. Is the Government aware that near Hull, province of Quebec, there are large and valuable deposits of magnetic ore contiguous to the line of the proposed Ottawa and Georgian Bay ship canal?
2. Is the Government aware that such ore assays from 64 to 68 per cent of metallic ore?

Mr. CODERRE:

1. The Government is aware of many deposits of iron ore, more or less contiguous to the line suggested for an Ottawa and Georgian Bay ship canal. Attention to these deposits was drawn as early as 1845, by the Geological Survey, and they have been described in subsequent reports, the last by the Mines Branch in 1909.
2. In these reports, analyses are given ranging from 43.7 per cent to 69.65 per cent of metallic iron.

#### DISMISSALS.

Mr. BROUILLARD:

1. For what reason has Mr. David Ephrem Bruneau, postmaster of Madington Falls, been dismissed?
2. By whom has he been replaced?

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. For political partisanship.
2. By Mr. Napoleon Gagnon.

Mr. BROUILLARD:

1. For what reason has Mr. Ephrem Goupille been dismissed as postmaster of Goupil?
2. By whom has he been replaced?

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. It was considered advisable to remove the post office to a more central location, where it would be more generally used, and