

2. If so, on what date was that Order in Council passed?

3. Since the passing of that order, how many manufacturers or exporters have obtained permits to ship hides to the United States?

4. What are the names of these favoured manufacturers and exporters of hides?

5. Under these special permits, how many carloads of hides have they exported up to date?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: An Order in Council was passed by the Government prohibiting the export of hides without a license. Licenses, however, have been granted in every case where application has been made. The bringing the matter under license enabled the department to obtain statistics relating to the general trend of the trade and provided it with information which would have been necessary had it been deemed advisable to restrict importation.

ALIENS IN DETENTION CAMPS.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. What has become of all the aliens or enemy subjects held in the various detention camps in Canada by the Federal Government since the outbreak of the war?

2. What measure has been adopted by the Government to deal with them since the war is over?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1. All prisoners of war who have not been repatriated have been released in Canada.

2. Answered by No. 1.

BUSINESS PROFITS WAR TAX.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

Is it the intention of the Government to re-enact the Excess Business Profit War Tax for the ensuing year?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Information with regard to taxation policy will be announced in the Budget Speech of the Minister of Finance.

BILINGUAL STAMPS.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to issue bilingual stamps in the future?

2. If so, when?

3. If not, why?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to issue bilingual coins and paper money in the future?

5. If so, when?

6. If not, why?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No departure from the present practice is contemplated.

SS. "CHAMPLAIN."

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Has the Government disposed of the steamer "Champlain?"

2. If so, why?

3. What price was realized by said sale?

[Mr. Fournier.]

4. Is it the intention of the Government to buy or construct another steamer to replace the "Champlain?"

5. If so, when?

6. If not, why?

7. Is there any steamer at present replacing the "Champlain" along the route Murray Bay Tadoussac?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. No, but intends doing so.

2. No further use for her.

3. \$61,050.

4. No.

5. Answered by No. 4.

6. No necessity for replacing her.

7. The "Champlain" is still at Murray Bay.

LORD JELlicoe's VISIT TO CANADA.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. By whom was Lord Jellicoe asked to come to Canada?

2. What was the result of his visit to Canada?

3. Has the Government any naval legislation to submit to this House this session?

4. If so, when is it to be submitted?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. The Admiralty were requested by the Dominions Governments to send an experienced naval officer to investigate questions of Naval Defence for British Dominions, and Lord Jellicoe was chosen by the Imperial authorities.

2. He submitted a report to the Dominion Government containing his recommendations.

3. The Government will give due advice of any legislation contemplated.

4. Answered by No. 3.

SHIPBUILDING CONTRACTS.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

1. How many contracts for shipbuilding were given by the Government since the 1st of January, 1918?

2. To what firms were said contracts given and what were the respective amounts?

3. Were all of said contracts given after proper tender?

4. If so, were they given to the lowest tenderer?

5. If not, why?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Fifty-six contracts.

2. Canadian Vickers, Ltd., Montreal, P.Q., 12; Collingwood Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., Collingwood, Ont., 7; Wallace Shipyards Ltd., Vancouver, B.C., 4; Tidewater Shipbuilders, Ltd., Three Rivers, P.Q., 4; Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Co., Ltd., Lauzon, Levis, P.Q., 3; Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Port Arthur, Ont., 7; Halifax Shipyards, Ltd., Halifax, N.S., 4; Victoria