

tioned were \$12 in 1916-17, and \$8 in 1917-18 for the rental of a typewriter. No payments were made personally to Mr. W. H. Tennant.

#### CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Mr. PREVOST:

1. Was each volunteer who enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force asked to declare his religion?

2. How many Roman Catholics enlisted in Military Districts numbers 3, 4 and 5, respectively?

3. What were the respective number of enlistments in the said districts who were (a) born in the British Islands, and (b) born in Canada?

Major-General MEWBURN:

1. Yes.

2 and 3. To procure this information would require the perusal of some five or six hundred thousand files, and this cannot be done until after demobilization, as some of the documents are still overseas.

#### CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MERCHANT MARINE.

Mr. KAY:

1. Was a vessel recently launched for the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, in British Columbia?

2. If so, what is its name and gross tonnage?

3. For what port has this vessel sailed, what cargo did she carry, and what rate of freight was paid?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Yes.

2. (a) Canadian Volunteer, (b) 3,188 tons.

3. The Department of Marine has no information.

#### MOTOR BOAT "HELENA."

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. Is the motor boat Helena at present in the employ of the Government at Sydney Harbour?

2. If so, at what rate per day?

3. If not, when were the services of this boat dispensed with?

4. What is the total amount paid the owner of this boat to date?

5. Who was the owner of this boat while in the employ of the Government?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. December 31, 1918.

4. \$17,580.

5. Finlay MacDonald.

#### PAY AND ALLOWANCE BOARD.

Mr. MCGIBBON (Muskoka):

1. How many rulings, checked and signed, were made by the Pay and Allowance Board during the year ending December 31, 1918?

[Mr. Burrell.]

2. How many members are there on the said Board?

3. What are the powers of the said Board?

4. What was the expenditure of the Separation Allowance and Assigned Pay Branch of the Militia Department during the same period?

Major-General MEWBURN:

1. The Pay and Allowance Board, Canadian Section, made 91,006 such rulings during the year ending December 31, 1918.

2. There were five members on the said board, Canadian Section: Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Margeson, president; Major P. W. Beatty, M.C., vice-president; Mr. Cecil Arden, Mr. P. J. Waldron, and Mr. Frank Beard.

3. The powers of the board were amended and consolidated by P.C. 2901, dated November 3, 1918, and are as follows:

(1) Deciding upon the validity of all applications for separation allowance received through irregular channels.

(2) Preparing recommendations on all applications which appear to the board to be cases in which "grave injustice" would be done if separation allowance were not granted and the applicant is not eligible under the regulation, together with a report on each case; said cases to be considered and decided by the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence and the Paymaster General acting in conjunction with the said board.

(3) Deciding all cases of "sole support."

(4) Deciding all cases under paragraphs 19-29-30-33-35 and 36 of Order in Council of 25th August, 1917 (P.C. 2375).

(5) Authorizing the transfer of assigned pay or any portion thereof from the dependent in receipt of separation allowance to another dependent or to a person who is not a dependent if in the board's opinion there are good reasons for so doing.

(6) Authorizing a compulsory assignment of pay in favour of the wife or children of an officer or soldier where the circumstances in the opinion of the board warrant such action being taken, the amount of such cases not to exceed 15 days' pay of rank, working pay and field allowance excluded.

(7) Authorizing a compulsory assignment of pay in favour of a dependent of a member of the C.E.F. who is in receipt of the Permanent Force Married Allowance while serving therein equal to the amount of separation allowance and the assignment which might be compelled were the officer or soldier not in receipt of the Permanent Force Married Allowance.