

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks).

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN CANADA.

*Mr. DESLAURIERS:

1. Is there a legal time now in Canada?
2. If not, does the Government intend to pass any measure to that effect during the present session?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Chapters 2 and 18 of the Statutes of 1918 are confined in their operation to the past year. It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any measure on the subject during the present session. In other respects, the question relates to a matter of law, as to which an inquiry of this character is not appropriate or usual.

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. What was the expense of The Inland Revenue Department for the year 1911-12?
2. What was the expense of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 1917-18?
3. What percentage of the receipts of the Inland Revenue Department was expended in defraying the expenses of the said department in each of the above fiscal years, respectively?

Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

- No. 1. \$1,098,585.08.
 No. 2. \$1,791,612.17.
 No. 3. 1911-12, five and seven-tenths per cent; 1917-18, six per cent.

HIGH COMMISSIONERSHIP OF CANADA.

*Mr. BROUILLARD:

Has Mr. Huntley Drummond, of Montreal, been offered the High Commissionership of Canada, in London, England?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Any necessary announcements in regard to such matters are always made in due course.

SHIPPING MASTER AT BEAR RIVER, N.S.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. Is the position of Shipping Master at Bear River, N.S., vacant? If so, for how long?
2. Who is performing the duties of Shipping Master at that point, and at what salary?
3. When does the Government intend filling this office?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Yes, since the 14th August, 1918.
2. B. L. Warren, Sub-Collector of Customs.

[Sir Thomas White.]

3. Applications for this position will be called for at once.

PURCHASE PRICE OF ICE-BREAKER MINTO.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Queens):

1. How much was received for the Ice-Breaker SS Minto, from the Russian Government?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: \$150,000.

HARBOUR MASTER AT BEAR RIVER, N.S.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. Is the position of Harbour Master at Bear River, N.S., vacant? If so, for how long?
2. Who is performing the duties of that office, and at what salary?
3. When does the Government intend filling this office?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Yes, since the 17th September, 1917.
2. B. L. Warren, Sub-Collector of Customs.
3. Applications for this position will be called for at once.

THE BUDGET.

The House resumed the debate on the motion of Hon. Sir Thomas White (Minister of Finance), that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means (resumed from Thursday, June 5.)

Mr. ANDREW ROSS McMASTER (Brome): Mr. Speaker, my first words must be those of thanks to the Finance Minister for having so kindly allowed the debate to be adjourned from Thursday last in order to give to members of the House, and perhaps more especially to myself, an opportunity of considering in detail the various matters contained in his Budget proposals. I have to congratulate the minister for the clarity of his statement—except in regard to certain of the resolutions—if I cannot congratulate him on the completeness of the information laid before the House.

I have one word of praise to bestow upon him, before I proceed to the more ungrateful task of criticism, and that is that he has had the courage to tell the people of this country not to count very much on any war indemnities which we may get from our foes.

Mr. ERNEST LAPOINTE: Hear, hear.

Mr. McMASTER: There are two classes of claims against the Middle Empires: First, the claims of those unfortunate individuals who have seen their homes wrecked and their fields devastated, and