

HOMESTEAD INSPECTORS IN ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS inquired of the Government:

1. How many homestead inspectors were there employed in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba in 1911? How many inspections did they make in said year, and what was the total cost of salaries, expenses, etc.?

2. What number were employed in 1914, how many inspections did they make? What was the total expenditure for salaries and other expenses?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answers are:

1. 48 homestead inspectors. During the year 1911 the record of inspections was kept in the various land offices in the West and we will have to obtain the information from these offices. Cost, \$101,969.22.

2. 69 homestead inspectors, 12,972 inspections. Cost, \$150,869.49.

The above answers are for the fiscal years 1910-11 and 1913-14 respectively.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Do I understand my hon. friend to say that he has no answer to one part of my question, that part which refers to the number of the inspectors in 1911? If it is possible to give the information for 1914, I do not see why he cannot furnish it for 1911?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I have read the return that I have received.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I do not see why the hon. gentleman cannot give it for 1911?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I will make further inquiry.

PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY inquired of the Government:

What is the cost of the two submarines purchased by the British Columbia Government, or by Sir Richard McBride?

1. What is their displacement?

2. What is their maximum cruising radius?

3. How are they armed?

4. What is their speed above water, and what is their speed submerged?

5. Are they for harbour defence or for deep water?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Department of the Naval Service furnishes the following reply:

The Federal Government purchased two submarines at a cost of \$1,150,000.

1. 313 tons.

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2, 3 and 4. This information is generally considered confidential and at the present time is not considered advisable to publish details relating to the defence of Canada.

5. For both—that is, for harbour defence and for deep water.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY—Does the hon. gentleman say that the information asked for by question No. 4 is confidential?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—Is it the Government or Sir Richard McBride that bought the submarines?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Oh, the Government.

COST OF SERVICE ON THE NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired of the Government:

What is the Government paying per train mile for the service east and west of Cochrane on the Transcontinental railway?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answers furnished me by the Chief Engineer of the Transcontinental Commission is that the cost is \$5.35. I should like to rectify a mistake I made the other day in saying that there was a bi-weekly service between the points mentioned. It is a weekly service.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—That makes the cost very excessive.

SUBWAY ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY AT MONCTON.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY inquired of the Government:

How many, and who tendered for the subway of the Intercolonial railway?

1. The amount of each tender; the names of contractors?

2. The name of the contractor?

3. Whose tender was accepted, and the amount of said tender?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are as follows:

1. Tenders were received as follows: F. W. Summer, Moncton, D. G. Kirke, Antigonish, William Cooke, North Sydney, \$69,992; Smith, Merrithew Co., Fredericton, N.B., \$68,832.50; Henry J. Phillips, R. E. Mutch and Archibald McLean, Charlottetown, P.E.I., \$66,501; E. B. Evans, Montreal, \$65,593; E. L. Boone, St. John, N.B., \$55,353.60; Messrs. Sherwood and Sherwood, Toronto, Ont., \$49,834.70; Messrs.