

Has this woman, as a result of these accusations and of an inquiry held into them, not been forced to abandon her position, upon the recommendation of the Immigration Department and upon the positive order of the former immigrant agent at Quebec?

If she is actually in the employment of the Government, is it with the authorization of the present agent and to the knowledge of the Department?

No. 4.

By the Honourable Mr. Landry:—

May 2—1. Were tenders asked for, in 1908 and 1909, for the purchase of railway sleepers for the use of the Intercolonial Railway, and were contracts awarded to the lowest tenderer?

2. Who had these contracts, and what is the name of each tenderer, and also the amount of each tender?

3. Did the Department of Railways and Canals, in 1908 and 1909, award any contracts whatsoever for the purchases of the said sleepers, and what price was paid to each contractor, and who had these contracts?

4. In 1908 and 1909, did the Department of Railways and Canals ask for tenders for the purchase of sleepers made of spruce, white, gray and yellow, as well as of birch, ash, poplar, &c.?

5. What quantity of these sleepers for each kind of wood, was accepted and paid for in 1908 and 1909, and does the Department propose to continue the system of purchasing these kinds of wood?

6. Who bought these sleepers of spruce, birch, ash, poplar, &c., and who gave the orders to receive these kinds of sleepers, and who received them and stamped them for the Intercolonial Railway?

7. In 1909 did the Department ask for tenders for sleepers of cedar, cyprus and hemlock? If so, who had these contracts and were these contracts granted to the lowest bidders, and what quantities were actually furnished by each contractor?

8. What quantity of sleepers has been furnished up to this date—

(a) by the contractors for New Brunswick; and

(b) by the contractors for Nova Scotia and for the Province of Quebec, respectively?

9. Did the Government by Order in Council authorize Messrs. Pottinger, Burpee or Taylor of Moncton, to purchase sleepers of spruce of all kinds and dimensions, and to cause these kinds of sleepers to be distributed in the district of Quebec, and notably in the district of River du Loup and Isle Verte?

10. What price did the Department pay for the sleepers of spruce, hemlock, cedar, birch and poplar, &c.? Who is the contractor therefor? Who received and inspected the said sleepers?

11. Does the Department know that these sleepers are absolutely unfit to be used in a railway, and that these sleepers are at the present time distributed along the Intercolonial Railway to be used upon the main track?

12. How much a carload does the freight of sleepers sent from New Brunswick cost in the district of Quebec?

No. 5.

By the Honourable Mr. Landry:—

May 2—What is the date of the contract signed by the Government and Mr. Ernest Caron or the Shoe Manufacturing Company which occupies the former properties of the firm of Carrier & Lainé, of Levis?

For how many years has this property been leased?

At what yearly price?

Is the yearly price the same for the whole duration of the contract?

If not, in what is it variable and what is the variation?