

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CALLING OF WITNESSES BEFORE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Perhaps before the house proceeds to questions I might be permitted to say that the Senate committee dealing with the shipping bill has been hearing large numbers of witnesses and the committee would be greatly pleased if any members of the House of Commons who desire to suggest that witnesses attend from their several constituencies would do so at once. The proceedings are being printed, and in view of what has transpired I think it would expedite matters if any witnesses desiring to be heard would appear before that committee and make their statement.

Mr. GRAY: Did I understand the right hon. gentleman to say that the proceedings are being printed?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes.

Mr. DUFF: Will witnesses not be allowed to appear before the committee when the bill comes to the House of Commons?

Mr. BENNETT: We would avoid that by considering the bill in committee of the whole and proceeding in the way I have suggested.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

DESTROYERS SAGUENAY AND CHAMPLAIN

Mr. GIROUARD:

1. Is it true that the Canadian destroyers Saguenay and Champlain are still cruising?

2. If so, what is the purpose of such cruises?

3. What is the cost per day for the operation of each of said destroyers, including salaries of men and officers?

4. Do these destroyers form part of the British West Indies squadron?

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

1. Yes.

2. To train the personnel for the purpose of maintaining sea going efficiency under conditions which are essential but which are not obtainable in Canadian waters during the winter months.

3. Saguenay, \$645; Champlain, \$485. It may be explained that the ships are in permanent commission and cost the same amount for general upkeep whether they are in Halifax or the West Indies. There is, of course, expenditure for fuel on passage, but the figures given for cost of upkeep include the cost of fuel for the average amount of steaming done in twelve months.

4. No.

[Mr. Guthrie.]

QUEBEC CITADEL

Mr. POWER:

1. In connection with work being carried on at the Quebec citadel by way of unemployment relief under the Department of National Defence, how many (a) engineers; (b) assistant engineers; (c) accountants; (d) foremen; (e) gang bosses or sub-foremen; (f) cooks; (g) storemen; (h) clerks and timekeepers, have been employed since October, 1932?

2. What is the salary paid to each?

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

1.

	Maximum number employed at any one time	Total number of individuals employed up to March 31, 1933
(a) Engineers	Nil	Nil
(b) Asst. engineers	Nil	Nil
(c) Accountants	Nil	Nil
(d) Foremen	1	1
(e) Gang bosses or sub-foremen	12	13
(f) Cooks	4	4
(g) Storemen	2	2
(h) Clerks or timekeepers	3	3

2. No salary is paid, but an allowance as follows is provided:

	Per month
Foreman	\$60
Gang boss or sub-foreman	40
Cook	50
Storeman	30
Clerk or timekeeper	20

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

DESCHAILLONS, QUE.—DREDGING INSPECTORS

Mr. VERVILLE:

1. What were the number of dredging inspectors at Deschailions during the months of August and September, 1932, their names, ages and residences; how many were married and how many single?

2. By whom were these men recommended?

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Mr. MacLEAN:

1. How many persons permanently employed in the civil service of Canada are sixty-five years of age or over?

2. What was the total salary of such employees for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1933?

3. How many of said employees are paying into any one of the several superannuation funds?

4. How many pay into the retirement fund?

5. How many permanent civil servants are sixty years of age but not over sixty-five?