

Patents of Invention

terms of an agreement to be made by the minister with the government of the province. Such agreement must be approved by the Governor in Council and shall contain such provisions as to location, cost, description, specifications, time and method of construction, supervision and other necessary particulars as are essential to protect the public interest".

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—DORCHESTER EMPLOYEES

Mr. CANNON:

1. What are the names of the employees of the National Railways in the county of Dorchester?
2. What were the dates of their respective appointments?
3. What are their duties and their respective salaries?
4. On whose recommendation was each appointment made?

CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES

Mr. MICHAUD:

What was the total expenditure for each department of the government for civil salaries, both for temporary and permanent employees, for the fiscal years from 1911 to 1922, both inclusive?

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

PRINCE RUPERT CIVIC EMPLOYEES

Mr. STEVENS:

For a copy of all letters, correspondence, telegrams, and other documents, since January last, passing between the Minister of Labour or any officer of his department and the Civil Employees Union of Prince Rupert, or any officer or any official of the municipal council of Prince Rupert, or other persons, having reference to a request for a conciliation board.

MONTREAL AND LONGUEUIL BRIDGE

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

For a copy of the report of 1923 of the Montreal harbour commission on the construction of the new bridge between Montreal and Longueuil, and also a copy of the plans prepared by the harbour commission for the construction of said bridge.

RADIOTELEGRAPH ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) moved that the House go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to amend The Radiotelegraph Act, chapter forty-three of the statutes of 1913, by providing that the Governor in Council may authorize the payment of a portion of the license fees collected in respect of certain prescribed licenses, to a provincial government, private company, or other prescribed party, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any act, to any department or employee thereof, for services given in connection with the operation of broadcasting stations and for services performed for the minister in connection with the licensing and inspection of stations.

[Mr. Graham.]

He said: His Excellency the Governor General has been informed of the subject matter of this resolution and has been pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of the House

Motion agreed to.

MILITIA PENSION ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Minister of National Defence) moved the third reading of Bill No. 118 to amend the Militia Pension Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

COLD STORAGE ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved the third reading of Bill No. 9, to amend the Cold Storage Act.

Mr. MARTELL I was given to understand that this bill would remain over until to-morrow, so that a conference might be held.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Motion stands.

DOMINION FOREST RESERVES AND PARKS ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Minister of the Interior) moved the third reading of Bill No. 82, to amend the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

PATENTS OF INVENTION

House again in committee on Bill No. 20, to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to Patents of Invention, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

On section 29—Patents to be assignable:

Mr. BOYS: I wanted to offer some opposition to sub-clause 2 of this clause; but I understood there would be no objection to striking it out. If that is the case there would not be much object in speaking at length in connection with it. I can see no reason why an assignment, even if not registered, should not be given in evidence in a court, just as much as a deed between two parties. It is perfectly true that to protect third parties registration is necessary; but as between the parties themselves if an assignment has been validly completed and executed, I can think of no reason why that assignment should not be produced in any court of justice and given as evidence. I do