

Mr. Hazen, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of the 4th December, 1912, for a copy of all papers, documents, telegrams, reports, letters, and instructions regarding Smelt and Salmon fishing in the Restigouche River and the Baie des Chaleurs since October, 1911, up to date, together with a copy of instructions issued to officials of the Department of Marine and Fisheries in that connection. (*Sessional Papers, No. 131.*)

And also, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of the 10th December, 1912, for a copy of all charges, correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents relating to the dismissal of Dr. Charles A. Webster, Port Physician at Yarmouth, County of Yarmouth, N.S., and the same information regarding the appointment of Dr. Webster's successor. (*Sessional Papers, No. 61 (7d).*)

Mr. Roche, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of the 29th January, 1913, for a copy of all correspondence and papers concerning the increase of salary of Mr. Sévigny, employed at the Immigration Office at Montreal. (*Sessional Papers, No. 132.*)

The Special Order for the attendance at the Bar of the House of Mr. R.C. Miller, to be examined regarding the alleged payment by him of forty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars, while acting as president of the Diamond Light and Heating Company, Limited, of Montreal, being read.

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported, That in obedience to the Order of the House, Mr. R. C. Miller was in attendance.

Mr. Middlebro moved, seconded by Mr. Meighen, That the following question be put by the Speaker to the witness at the Bar of the House with a request for an answer thereto:—

“To whom did you pay the sum of forty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars for the purpose of securing contracts from the Government of the Dominion of Canada, amounting to one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars or thereabouts, between the month of June, 1907, until you ceased to be President of the Diamond Light and Heating Company in June, 1911? as alleged by you on your examination before the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts on Friday the fourteenth of February, 1913.”

And the question being put on the Motion:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker.—Mr. Miller, to whom did you pay the sum of forty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars for the purpose of securing contracts from the Government of the Dominion of Canada amounting to one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars or thereabouts between the month of June, 1907, until you ceased to be President of the Diamond Light & Heating Company in June, 1911? as alleged by you on your examination before the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts on Friday the fourteenth of February, 1913.

Mr. R. C. Miller.—Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request the privilege of being represented by Counsel at the present moment.

Mr. Middlebro moved, seconded by Mr. Meighen, That the witness at the Bar of the House be permitted to be represented by Counsel; which was agreed to.

Mr. George E. Kidd, K.C., appeared as Counsel for the witness at the Bar of the House.

Mr. Speaker again put the question to the witness in the presence of his Counsel.

Mr. Kidd.—Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House of Commons, under the advice of Counsel, my client refuses to answer the question for the reason that it would incriminate him, and I consider it an unwarranted interference with his private business.