

DALHOUSIE STEAM SERVICE.

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Has a contract been entered into by the Department of Trade and Commerce and any party for a steam service between Dalhousie, N.B., and Niguasha, St. Omer and Carleton, Quebec, or any other point in Quebec, or is one in contemplation?

2. Has a contract been entered into for a steam service between Bathurst and Petit Rocher, N.B., and Bonaventure, Quebec, or any other point in Bonaventure county, or is one in contemplation?

Mr. PERLEY:

1. A contract has been entered into for a service between Gaspé Basin, Dalhousie and Campbellton, calling at Carleton and a number of other points in Quebec. This is the only subsidized service contemplated from Dalhousie at present.

2. No. No such service is contemplated at present.

NEW CARLISLE PUBLIC BUILDING.

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Has a site been acquired for a public building at New Carlisle, Quebec?

2. If so, where is it situated, what is its area, from whom was it purchased, and at what price?

3. If a site has not been acquired, does the Government intend obtaining one?

4. Did the municipal council of New Carlisle offer such a site, or was it suggested that one should be obtained from the Quebec Government?

5. Does the Government intend erecting a public building at New Carlisle, and what steps have been taken to that end?

Mr. ROGERS:

1 and 2. No.

3. Matter not finally disposed of.

4. (a) Yes; (b) No.

5. Matter not finally disposed of.

MONTCALM POSTMASTER.

Mr. LACHANCE:

1. When did Mr. H. M. Côté cease to act as postmaster of the town of Montcalm, Quebec, and on whose request and recommendation and for what reasons?

2. What was his salary and emoluments?

3. How much did the rent of the post office cost, and who paid it?

4. Had he an assistant? If so, who paid his salary, and how much?

5. Who has the Government appointed in place of Mr. H. M. Côté, when and with what salary and emoluments?

6. Has this substitute an assistant? If so, what is his name and salary?

7. In what building or property in this post office located since the appointment of the substitute for Mr. Côté, and is this building the property of the Government?

8. If not, what is the annual rent paid and for how many years has this rent been paid?

9. How much has been the cost for the repairs made to this latter post office?

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Mr. PELLETIER:

1. Mr. H. M. Côté, postmaster at Candiac, not Montcalm, tendered his resignation on the 15th August, 1912, as he considered the salary of the office insufficient, and the post office was transferred, by direction of the Postmaster General, to his successor, on the 3rd September, 1912.

2. They amounted to \$135.14 per annum.

3. The postmaster provided accommodation for the post office at his own expense.

4. The department does not know who his assistant was as the postmaster furnished and paid for such assistance as he required.

5. Mr. J. A. Delisle, on the 3rd September, 1912, salary \$500 and the usual commission on money order and savings bank business.

6. The department has no specific information on this point. The postmaster is required to provide whatever clerical assistance is needed at his own cost.

7 and 8. The building is owned or rented by the postmaster, who is granted a rent allowance of \$50 per annum in addition to his salary.

9. The postmaster paid for his own fittings.

MOOSEJAW POST OFFICE INVESTIGATIONS.

Mr. TURRIF:

1. What sums have been paid to John E. Chisholm, of Moosejaw, for services, and what sums for expenses, in connection with investigations conducted by him under instructions from the Post Office Department in connection with charges against postmasters in the Moosejaw electoral district?

2. What accounts of said J. E. Chisholm for such services and expenses are outstanding?

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. Tugaske, services, \$45; expenses, \$12; Alsask and Marengo, services, \$90; expenses, \$39. Services, \$135; expenses, \$51.

2. None.

AVIGNON POSTMASTER.

Mr. MARCIL:

Who has been appointed postmaster of Avignon, Quebec, in place of Octave Martin, resigned, and on whose recommendation was the appointment made?

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Mathias Blaquière, by direction of the Postmaster General.

EMPLOYMENT OF MAURICE LEBLANC.

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Is Maurice LeBlanc, of Bonaventure, Quebec, in the employ of the Department of Public Works, in what capacity, and at what salary?

2. When was the appointment made, and on whose recommendation?

3. Is it temporary or permanent?