

explanation, before this motion is carried, as to when and why this action was taken.

Mr. LANCASTER: The Bill to which the hon. gentleman perhaps refers was a Bill brought by the Central Canada Railway Company involving the renewal or continuance of land grants. That Bill was thoroughly discussed by the Railway Committee, and the preamble was rejected. This Bill also was in relation to the Carillon and Grenville railway, and asked us to ratify and confirm the sale. Both companies claimed that they had bought the Carillon and Grenville railway, and the question is in court as to which company really has the signatures of the proper people. The committee did not spend much time on this Bill, because as soon as the situation was pointed out to the Canadian Northern Ontario Company, to whose Bill this motion relates, they realized that we could not confirm a sale, which is in the courts of Quebec, for decision as to which company really did buy the property. They, I think, very wisely, asked leave to withdraw their Bill, realizing that it could not pass the committee, and it was arranged to be withdrawn accordingly.

Motion agreed to.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. HUGH CLARK (North Bruce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 181, to amend the Dominion Elections Act.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Explain.

Mr. CLARK: Section 275 of the Dominion Elections Act provides that any person who is guilty of illegally voting may be fined \$100, which may be collected by any party who chooses to sue for the amount. I propose to repeal that clause, and to re-enact it, with the addition that on default of payment the guilty party may be committed to prison for a term of not less than two months and not more than six months.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PRINTING CONTRACT WITH LA PATRIE

Mr. CARVELL:

1. Has the Post Office Department any printing contract with La Patrie, of Montreal?
2. If so, to what amount per annum?
3. How much has been paid to La Patrie by the Post Office Department since 1st of November, 1912?

Mr. CODERRE:

1. As a matter of fact the departments of the Government make no contracts for
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printing, that being done under the law entirely by the Department of Printing and Stationery.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. La Patrie has been given a share of the printing of the money orders for the Post Office Department, the orders for which may be terminated at the pleasure of the King's Printer. The money orders, till the change of Government, were printed for many years by the Perreault Printing Company of Montreal, under the same arrangement and at precisely the same price. As the cost of printing has advanced a great deal in the last few years, the figure the department is paying must be considered extremely reasonable. La Patrie has been paid from November, 1912, down to date, for the Post Office Department, the sum of \$5,129.75, but some portion of this is for printing other than money orders.

CANADIAN COINAGE.

Mr. BELAND:

What are the official statistics regarding Canadian moneys respectively, of gold, silver and copper, annually coined at Ottawa since the opening of the Mint?

Mr. WHITE. Canadian gold, silver, and bronze moneys coined at the Ottawa Mint from the 2nd January, 1908, to the 31st March, 1913:

Calendar Year.	Gold.	Silver.	Bronze.
1908		\$ 313,338 35	\$23,290 95
1909		673,043 65	39,441 68
1910		1,979,571 10	51,619 25
1911		985,678 50	46,599 47
1912	1,477,710	1,383,832 95	51,095 99
*1913.. . . .	323,020	375,480 00	10,754 36

\$1,800,790 \$5,710,944 55 \$222,801 70

* To March 31.

Worn silver and bronze coin recoined during the same period, the amount of such recoinages being included in the figures given in the table above:

Calendar Year.	Silver.	Bronze.
1908..	\$ 22,397 60
1909..	207,202 90
1910..	294,394 60
1911..	45,486 95	\$175 04
1912..	83,503 80	26 40
1913 (to March 31).	59,417 30
	\$712,403 15	\$201 44

EMPLOYMENT OF DR. DUVERNET.

Mr. LAW:

1. Has Doctor DuVernet, of Digby, N.S., been appointed to any office by the present Government?
2. If so, what is the position and what are his duties?
3. What salary is he paid for same?

Mr. BURRELL:

1. Yes.