

Commission operating along the 49th parallel, and his salary is \$2,500 per annum.

2. During each of the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 he was engaged in the investigation of the geology and petrology of the vicinity of the aforesaid line from the summit of the Rocky mountains westward to the Straits of Georgia. Dr. Dayley's report is now in preparation, his field work having been completed.

INSPECTORS OF PERISHABLE PRODUCTS.

Mr. ARMSTRONG asked :

1. During the season of 1906 how many men were employed as government inspectors of cars containing perishable products arriving at the port of Montreal ?

2. What are their names and salaries ?

3. What was the total number of cars inspected and the number of packages, barrels and cases ?

4. What was the weight and average temperature of the butter, cheese, eggs, meats, lard, mixed fruits and apples so inspected ?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture) :

1. Five. Two were stationed in Montreal, two were travelling over the iced-car routes in Quebec and one in Ontario.

2. M. B. Longeway, Montreal, \$115 per month for seven months; J. B. Deslauriers, Montreal, \$80 per month from May 1 to October 20; F. A. Knowlton, travelling inspector, \$100 per month for six months; J. G. Bouchard, travelling inspector, \$75 per month for six months; H. J. Goff, travelling inspector, \$100 per month for six months.

3. 1,256 cars containing 368,550 packages butter, weighing 23,627,860 pounds; 88 cars containing 4,192 boxes cheese, weighing 316,951 pounds; 139 cases meats, weighing 35,836 pounds, 1,407 cases eggs, weighing 86,270 pounds, 847 packages lard, weighing 29,720 pounds, and 5 barrels apples, weighing 800 pounds.

4. 4,009 packages of butter were tested at Montreal and gave an average temperature of about 54 degrees. 1,173 marked packages butter were tested at country shipping points and again at Montreal. The average temperature at shipping points was 52.6 degrees and at Montreal 53.2 degrees. Temperatures are not taken of other produce.

BELLEVILLE POST OFFICE.

Mr. PORTER asked :

1. Have any complaints been made to or received by the Post Office Department as to the service of the Belleville post office ? If so, what was the nature of such complaints, and when were they made ?

2. Has any inquiry been made, and if so, when, by the Post Office Department to ascertain the state of the service of Belleville post office, and with what result ?

3. Has the rank of Belleville post office been reduced ? If so, what was the reason therefor, and does the same reason continue ?

4. If the status of the said post office has been reduced, has the department considered the advisability of reinstating it to its former status ? If so, with what result ?

5. What is the revenue of this office, and what is the cost of maintenance of the same ?

6. Does the department require any, and if so, what, qualification for clerks employed in this office ?

7. How many persons are employed in this office, in addition to the postmaster, and what are their names, ages, and salaries ?

8. Is the postmaster expected to do any, and if so, what part of the work of the office, or simply to act in the capacity of superintendent ?

9. Have any, and if so, how many, registered letters been reported as gone astray, lost, or delivered to the wrong person in this office ?

10. How many letters from this office have been returned to the Dead Letter Department within the last two years, for the causes 'not called for,' 'address not known,' 'removed' or 'insufficient address' ?

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Postmaster General) :

1 and 2. No complaints of any kind affecting the management of the Belleville post office have been made during the last two years. Several cases of delay in the delivery of correspondence were reported to the department, but the explanations in the majority of them were satisfactory. In two of the cases, however, certain employees were found to have been careless and fines were imposed.

3. There has been no change in the status of this office since 1897.

4. The department has not considered the advisability of restoring the office to its former status.

5. Revenue, \$18,324.99. Cost of maintenance, \$4,255.78.

6. Yes, clerks on appointment must be under 30 years of age and well enough educated to perform such duties as may be required of them.

7. There are in addition to the postmaster seven persons employed in the office. Their names, ages and salaries are as follows:

Name.	Age.	Salary.
A. Gillen.. . . . .	45	\$800
J. V. Truiasch.. . . . .	26	560
E. A. LaRoche.. . . . .	23	450
F. B. Vermilyea.. . . . .	36	365
C. M. Stork.. . . . .	18	300
E. Lang.. . . . .	27	300
K. H. Denike ..Not yet reported		300
O. M. Poucher ..Not yet reported		300

8. The postmaster is expected to exercise a general supervision over the work of the office and take such part in the duties as may be necessary with due regard to the satisfactory performance of the work. A circular was issued by the department some