

cords at Militia Headquarters, Lieutenant-Colonel F. P. Day is still in charge of the 185th Battalion, C.E.F.

DEATH OF PRIVATE D. CURRY.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Kyte) inquired yesterday as to the death of Private Dougall Curry at St. Joseph's hospital, Glace Bay, during the past week, and as to the medical treatment which was afforded him. A telegram was sent to obtain the information, but no reply has yet been received.

CENSORED DOMESTIC LETTERS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. KAY: I wish to bring the attention of the Postmaster General to the manner in which his censors are dealing with the mail.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Hear, hear.

Mr. KAY: I have here a letter from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, posted at the town of Bedford, and addressed to me at Phillipsburg, eight miles away. This letter has been censored. I called up the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Bedford on Monday, and he told me that on the 10th of April a letter addressed from the Union Bank, Quebec, to the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Bedford, had been censored. He further said that a letter posted on April 12 from his bank, that is, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at Bedford, to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Ste. Catherine street, City Hall branch, Montreal, had also been censored. I think the people of this country and the members of this House are entitled to know who is doing this censoring, and why it is that our domestic letters are being opened in this manner. Possibly the Prime Minister would be good enough to bring this matter to the attention of the Postmaster General.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I shall be very glad to direct the attention of the Postmaster General to the matter. Some complaints have come to me of departures from absolutely plain instructions which I know were given three or four days ago with regard to correspondence, not within this country, but from the United States. I cannot conceive how such mistakes should have happened, in view of instructions that I know have been given. It is my purpose this

afternoon, in the absence of the Postmaster General, to send for Dr. Coulter to direct his attention to these matters, and to endeavour to bring it to pass that mistakes of this kind shall not occur in the future. I concur with my hon. friend in the view that they are entirely inexcusable.

CASUALTY LISTS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. BUCHANAN: A few days ago I brought to the attention of the Acting Minister of Militia the system adopted in reporting casualty lists. It has been represented to me that it is impossible to identify men under the system followed since then. When the next of kin is given, the address may be in England, Ireland, or Scotland, and it is impossible for newspapers in Canadian cities to identify men who have enlisted from those cities. Of course the newspapers desire to identify local men. I have a letter from a newspaper editor in Calgary saying it is impossible to identify men in that way. It has been suggested that the department should resume the old system of giving the names of the battalions, with the understanding that the newspapers would not publish the battalions, but could use this information for purposes of identification.

Mr. KEMP: I was Acting Minister of Militia when my hon. friend brought this up a few days ago; and I thought the arrangement then made was satisfactory. However, I will assist the Prime Minister in bringing the matter to the attention of the proper authorities of the Militia Department with a view to improving it still further, if it can be done, while at the same time carrying out the intention of the order that was first issued.

BOUNTIES ON ZINC.

On motion of Sir Thomas White (Minister of Finance), the House went into committee, Mr. Rhodes in the chair, to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to authorize the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of a bounty of two cents per pound on zinc or spelter, containing not more than two per cent of impurities, produced in Canada from zinc ores mined in Canada; provided the standard price of zinc or spelter in London, England, at the time of production is less than £36.19.3 sterling per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds, when the bounty payable shall be an amount equal to the difference between such standard price per ton and £36.19.3 per ton. Further provided, that in no