

Mr. DECHENE:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to make improvements to those buildings at the Quarantine Station in Grosse Isle which are intended for immigration purposes?

2. Will the hospital, the construction of which has been started, be completed in the coming summer?

3. Will the sheds, which at present serve to shelter immigrants, be replaced by more suitable buildings? If so, when will such improvements be started?

Hon. J. D. REID: This information will be given when the Estimates are laid before Parliament.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER
FOR RETURN.

Mr. McKENZIE:

1. How many officers are being retained in the service of the Militia Department at Headquarters at Ottawa who have not seen service overseas?

2. Give the names and positions and salaries, and length of time in the service, respectively.

3. Are returned men available for those positions?

SAAR VALLEY COMMISSION.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. C. W. PECK (Skeena): In view of the fact that a statement was made in the House by, I think, the Minister of Customs, that Mr. Waugh had been appointed to the Saar Valley Commission, I should like to know whether or not a returned soldier was available for that position, as a returned soldier would be particularly and peculiarly qualified to fill the position.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Acting Prime Minister): The Saar Valley Commission is a body which is under the direction of the League of Nations, and the appointees are the appointees of the League of Nations. Certain countries have representation on that commission, the British Empire being one of those countries, and Mr. Waugh has been appointed as the representative of the British Empire on that commission. The Government of Canada was asked to name a fit and proper person as a member of the commission, and the Government gave the very best attention that it possibly could to the selection of the proper man in the time which it had at its disposal, for it was very pressing that this appointment should be made early. The names of a number of gentlemen were canvassed, and what we particularly wanted was to get a man of practical experience in municipal utilities and their working, and after the best consideration that could be given to the selection of a man of that

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kind who was available, Mr. Waugh was recommended to the position. Since that recommendation, I understand, though no official communication has been received—and it was not necessary that there should be—that he has been appointed as the chairman of the commission; that is, the chairmanship of the commission fell to the British Empire, and Mr. Waugh will take that position. Mr. Waugh was not in service himself across the seas, but he had two sons in service, one of whom, if I am correctly informed, met his death in battle; and whilst Mr. Waugh was not himself an actual soldier, he has thus a claim of high character in connection with war service.

OLIVER—ST. PAUL DE METIS
RAILWAY.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. HENRY ARTHUR MACKIE (Edmonton East): I should like to ask the Minister of Railways when we may expect to have completed the Oliver-St. Paul de Metis railway, a portion of which is in my riding. A number of the farmers there drove their cattle to fields where there was feed, and now they want to utilize the road to get their cattle back. The road has been under construction since 1909.

Hon. J. D. REID: I could hardly catch what the hon. gentleman said. Does he ask when construction will be commenced on a road in his locality.

Mr. H. A. MACKIE: When will the Oliver-St. Paul de Metis branch of the Canadian Northern, which has been under construction since 1909, be completed?

Mr. J. D. REID: I could not answer offhand, but I will make a note of the hon. gentleman's question and be able to answer him probably to-morrow or Monday.

Mr. SPEAKER: The fact that the answer to that question cannot be given offhand is evidence that it is one that ought to have been put on the Order Paper.

ADMIRAL JELlicoe's REPORT.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries laid on the table of the House yesterday a copy of Admiral Jellicoe's report. Will copies be available for all the members?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Only a limited number of copies are now printed, and in the English language only; but to-morrow I will place before the House a motion,