

Questions

5. Question not understood. Mr. Aronovici was on salary from April 15, 1923, to December 31, 1923.

6. No information.

SCRIBE HOTEL PURCHASE

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

During the last session of parliament, it was stated that two million dollars had been used in the purchase of the Scribe hotel, but on April 24, of this year, the House was informed the cost was \$2,733,693. What are the names and addresses of the persons, firms or corporations receiving any portion of this extra \$733,693, and for what purposes or reasons did they receive such payments?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: There was paid for the hotel property 28,000,000 francs, or approximately \$2,000,000. The sum of \$2,733,693 included the cost of the property, taxes, imposts, removal of tenants, etc.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—TRAINMEN LAID OFF

Mr. BLACK (Halifax):

1. Have any trainmen at Stellarton or Pictou, Nova Scotia, employed by the Canadian National Railways been laid off on account of slack work?
2. If so, how many?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1. Yes.
2. 25.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—CAR CHECKER, WESTVILLE, N.S.

Mr. BLACK (Halifax):

1. Who fills the position of car checker on the Canadian National Railway at Westville, in the county of Pictou, Nova Scotia?
2. When did the appointment take effect and what was the reason for it?
3. Who was previously employed in this position and when and why was he retired?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1. T. J. Gray.
2. April 24th, 1923; to check cars supplied to and used by the mines at Stellarton and Westville.
3. No one previously employed.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—CROSSING WATCHMAN, STELLARTON, N.S.

Mr. BLACK (Halifax):

1. Who is employed as crossing watchman at Asphalt crossing in the town of Stellarton, Pictou county, Nova Scotia?
2. Why was he appointed?
3. When was he appointed?
4. What is his age?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1. Norman Ferguson.
2. For the protection of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the crossing.
3. April 20, 1923.
4. Sixty years.

[Mr. Graham.]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—WATCHMAN AT PICTOU, N.S.

Mr. BLACK (Halifax):

1. Is there a watchman employed by the Canadian National Railways at Pictou, Nova Scotia?
2. If so, how long has he been in the employ of the railway and what is his name?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1. Two watchmen are employed at Pictou.
2. George Welsh, since Sept. 27, 1898; P. O. Carroll, since April 20, 1923.

J. J. WING

Mr. STEVENS:

1. Was there a request made by Mr. F. Higgins, barrister, of Victoria, British Columbia, to the Department of Justice, to interview one J. J. Wing, in the British Columbia penitentiary?
2. If so, when was such request made?
3. What steps did the Department of Justice take upon receipt of such communication?
4. Did the Department of Justice reply to Mr. Higgins, and if so, when and how?
5. Did the Department of Justice cause J. J. Wing to be interviewed in the penitentiary in regard to the said request of Mr. Higgins?
6. If so, by whom, and what report was made to the Department of Justice?

Hon. Mr. LAPOINTE:

1. Yes.
2. April 10, 1924.
3. Communication was had with the warden of the penitentiary.
4. Upon receipt of reply from the warden of the penitentiary, Mr. Higgins was communicated with on April 12, 1924 by letter.
5. Yes.
6. By the warden who reported to the department: "J. J. Wing knows nothing of Higgins or civil action."

MOWAT HOSPITAL, KINGSTON

Mr. HUBBS:

1. What was the total expenditure in connection with the Mowat Hospital Kingston, during the year 1923?
2. What was the average cost per patient in the said Hospital during the year 1923, exclusive of pay or allowances to patients?

Hon. Mr. COPP:

Department of Public Works—

1. Calendar year 1923, \$932.63.
2. No information.

Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment—

1. Calendar year 1923, \$111,815.22.
2. \$3.20.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM REPORTS

Mr. PRITCHARD:

1. How many reports of officers of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa were published for the year 1922?