

3. It will not be necessary, therefore, that the Government give serious consideration to the matter.

CHARLOTTETOWN HATCHERY.

Mr. DUFF:

1. Has the hatchery at Charlottetown, P.E.I., been sold?
2. If so, were tenders asked for?
3. Who were the persons submitting tenders and what were the amounts of said tenders?
4. Was the Inspector of Fisheries at Charlottetown afterwards instructed by the Department of Naval Service to endeavour to procure other offers?
5. If so, from whom did he receive offers, and what were the amounts?
6. On what date did the competition close?
7. Whose offer or tender was accepted?
8. Did the person whose tender was accepted make his offer to the inspector at Charlottetown or direct to the department at Ottawa by telegraph?
9. On what date did the department receive the said tender, what was the amount of said tender, and on what date was the said tender accepted by the department?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Yes.
2. Tenders were called for by advertisement published in the press and by poster.
3. Edmund T. Higgs, Charlottetown, P.E.I. \$460 for land, buildings and plant; \$320 for land and buildings; \$200 for buildings only.
4. All tenders received were rejected as unsatisfactory, and the Inspector of Fisheries was instructed to endeavour to obtain further offers, for the buildings and plant only, as no land was involved.
5. W. E. Agnew, Charlottetown, \$645 for the building and plant; E. T. Higgs, Charlottetown, \$550 for the building, machinery and plant; J. J. Hughes, Charlottetown, \$350 for the plant and equipment.
6. On February 2, when satisfactory offer was accepted.
7. W. J. McMillan, Charlottetown.
8. Mr. McMillan telegraphed the department confirming offer made to the Inspector of Fisheries.
9. January 28, 1920, \$700; February 2, 1920.

INTEREST ON AMERICAN LOANS.

Mr. MICHAUD:

1. How much interest was paid on American loans during the year 1919?
2. How much was the exchange on said interest?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. The Dominion Government paid interest on loans floated in the United States for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, \$7,543,550.

2. The various amounts making the above total were paid out of the account of the Dominion Government with the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, and the question of exchange did not arise.

EXPORTS OF WHEAT TO UNITED STATES.

Mr. MICHAUD:

1. How many bushels of wheat were exported from Canada into the United States during the year 1919?
2. How many bushels were exported to Europe during the same year?
3. How many bushels were exported during the year 1919 through the ports of St. John, N.B., Halifax, N.S., Quebec, Montreal, and Vancouver?
4. How many bushels were exported through the United States?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. 6,137,643 bushels.
2. 61,723,631 bushels.
3. St. John, N. B., 10,248,286 bushels; Halifax, N.S., 2,685,844 bushels; Quebec, P.Q., 2,312,910 bushels; Montreal, P.Q., 26,385,818 bushels; Vancouver, B.C., 50,012 bushels.
4. 20,040,960 bushels.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—PENSIONS.

Mr. FOURNIER:

1. Is the Honourable Minister of Railways and Canals aware that the present rates of pension respecting the minimum and maximum amounts granted to superannuated employees of the Intercolonial railway between Montreal and Halifax, are based upon salaries paid many years ago when cost of living was much lower than at present?
2. Is it the intention of the Honourable Minister to take favourable action upon the many requests, applications and petitions from the superannuated employees of said road for an increase of pension?
3. Has this question of an increase of pension been studied with the president of the Canadian National Railway system?
4. Is it the intention of the Honourable Minister to settle it during the present session?

Hon. J. D. REID:

1. Yes.
2. Matter is being given consideration.
3. Yes. The matter is under consideration by the Canadian National Railways' management.
4. In view of the Grand Trunk Railway being acquired by the Government, it is thought desirable that any pension scheme should not be concluded until all Government-owned and controlled railways are co-ordinated under one management.

EXPORT OF HIDES TO UNITED STATES

Mr. FOURNIER:

1. Has an Order in Council been passed by the Government preventing the exportation of hides to the United States?