

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Monday, September 3, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

QUESTIONS.

[Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks]

IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD EMPLOYEES.

*Mr. LANCTOT:

1. How many men, officers and employees of the Imperial Munitions Board are of military age?
2. What are their names and respective salaries?
3. Who, if any, have military badges, and on what grounds in each case have they been granted?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The information asked for in this question is not available. The Imperial Munitions Board is under the control and direction of the Government of the United Kingdom, and it is not under the control or direction of the Government of Canada, which exercises no direction or control whatever with respect to the employment of persons who are in the service of that Board.

THE MOTOR BOAT SCOUT.

*Mr. A. K. MACLEAN (Halifax):

1. Was a steamer or motor boat, called the Scout, purchased by the Government of Canada from any person or persons at Halifax, N.S.?
2. If so, from whom, when was she purchased, and what was the price paid therefor?

Mr. MEIGHEN:

1. No.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: The name of the motor boat mentioned in this question, the Scout, is an error and I wrote the minister a few days ago giving the correct name of the boat. I wish to know if the answer is to the question as amended?

Mr. MEIGHEN: I did not know about the amendment of the question. The answer is to the question as it stands.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I promised to give the correct name privately.

Mr. MEIGHEN: If the hon. member gives me the correct name I shall answer.

THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917.

*Mr. KYTE:

Is it the intention of the Government to amend the Military Service Act, 1917, by Order in Council or any other way, to provide for the exemption from the calling out on active service provided for by section 4 of said Act of those engaged in agriculture or of those engaged in industrial or other work which provides material for the war?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: It is believed that the provisions of the Military Service Act of 1917 make adequate arrangements for the exemption of all persons necessarily required for agriculture, or other essential industries.

OFFICERS OF THE 66th FUSILIERS.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES:

1. How many Lieutenant-Colonels are attached to the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers at Halifax?
2. On what dates were each of said Colonels appointed?
3. What is the rate of pay and allowance to each?
4. Are all of said Colonels giving their entire time to the performance of their duties?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1 and 2. The usual number of officers are employed with the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers at Halifax which is on active service, namely:

Acting Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. A. King, appointed August 9, 1915, in command of the 66th Regiment, vice Lt.-Col. H. L. Chipman, seconded, which Regiment, since the beginning of the war, has been on active service in connection with Halifax defences.

Temporary Lt.-Col. R. B. Simmonds, Senior Major, 2nd in Command, appointed August 11, 1914. (Lt.-Col. Simmonds draws Major's pay.)