

	Officers.	Other ranks.	Totals.
Killed in action ..	180	2,891	3,071
Died of wounds ..	50	792	842
Died of sickness ..	19	483	502
Presumed dead ..	1	425	426
Wounded	614	11,629	12,243
*Missing	54	436	490
Prisoners of war ..	4	57	61
	922	16,723	17,645

* The above totals of missing are amended as the number of officers and other ranks included under this category are subsequently reported killed in action, presumed dead, prisoners of war, etc.

4. Number of recruits enlisted for the months of February, March and April, 1917, 19,584.

5. Number of recruits obtained for the Canadian Expeditionary Force during 1916 and 1917, by months:—

	Recruits 1916.	Recruits 1917.
January	29,212	7,721
February	26,658	7,644
March	32,819	6,670
April	23,289	5,270
May	15,090	6,520
June	10,796	
July	8,675	
August	7,267	
September	6,357	
October	6,035	
November	6,548	
December	5,803	
Total	178,549	33,825

No authentic monthly records available prior to January, 1916.

6. Five hundred.

LOCKPORT COLD STORAGE.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

What amount has been paid by the Government of Canada to the Lockport Cold Storage Company, Limited, formerly the Maritime Cold Storage Limited, as a subsidy?

Mr. BURRELL: \$17,055.04.

OLEOMARGARINE.

Mr. MARTIN:

Is it the intention of the Minister of Agriculture to submit, during the present Session, a measure to authorize the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada?

Mr. BURRELL: Any announcement on this subject will be made in due course.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PAPERS.

Mr. SINCLAIR: For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, requests, petitions and other papers in the possession of the Department of Trade and Commerce relating to providing a supply of salt for the fisheries of the Maritime Provinces.

[Sir Edward Kemp.]

SUPPLY.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Rainville in the chair.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—ANNUAL STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER.

Railways and Canals—chargeable to capital—Canadian Government Railways, construction and betterments, \$6,500,000.

Mr. PUGSLEY: It is usual for the minister, in bringing down his Estimates, to make a general statement in regard to the Government railways.

Hon. FRANK COCHRANE (Minister of Railways and Canals): We are now operating as the Canadian Government Railways System 4,063 miles of railroad. Briefly, the results of operating these railways show that we will have a surplus of \$1,074,334 on the Intercolonial, and that we will sustain a deficit of \$1,890,371 on the Transcontinental Railway for the recent fiscal year.

Mileage.

Intercolonial, 1,562; Transcontinental, 2,009; Prince Edward Island, 275; International, 112; St. John Valley, 105. Total, 4,063.

Earnings.

The earnings on the Intercolonial during the four winter months were abnormally low, on account of the fact that our operations were directly mainly to the handling of war supplies to Halifax and St. John, and as these ports take the same freight rate as Portland, the Intercolonial's proportion of the through freight rate for its 836 mile haul to Halifax, or 740 mile haul to St. John, as against the Grand Trunk's 297 mile haul to Portland, or the Canadian Pacific's 481 mile haul to St. John, gives an earning as low as \$2.20 per ton on hay, oats, flour, etc., which is less than 50 per cent of the actual cost of its transportation. We have also had to move for war purposes large quantities of other low class war freight, and, in order to do this, had to embargo many ordinary lines of shipment which paid higher rates. In this way we were called upon to sustain losses upon operations during these months which, under ordinary conditions, would have shown surpluses.

Intercolonial Railway.

The figures that I am using are subject to slight modification, but on the Intercolonial during the recent fiscal year we earned \$16,805,723.64 and spent \$15,731,389.