

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, June 25, 1919.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Order in Council of June 23, 1919, approving the General Housing Scheme of the province of New Brunswick—Hon. Mr. Rowell.

REPORT OF PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

Hon. N. W. Rowell (President of the Council) moved, seconded by Mr. Devlin:

That the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of pensions, pension regulations and all matters pertaining thereto, and to prepare a Bill dealing with pensions for the consideration of the House, which was presented to the House on the 24th June, be commended for the consideration of the Government.

Motion agreed to.

SCHOOL AND DOMINION LANDS.

Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Minister of the Interior) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 154, to authorize certain School and Dominion Lands to be included in the Taber Irrigation district in the province of Alberta.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks).

LABOUR AT PORT OF MONTREAL.

Mr. DESLAURIERS:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to permit workmen from rural districts to replace those of the City of Montreal in connection with labour operations, during the present season, in the Port of Montreal?

2. What are the conditions required in connection with labour operations at the ports of Three Rivers, St. John, New Brunswick, Halifax and Portland?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. In so far as the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal are concerned, the practice of

previous years is being followed. Practically all of the commission's employees are residents of Montreal with the exception of those employed on tugs. The latter are in large part recruited in Sorel and other points along the St. Lawrence river.

2. The Department of Marine has no information.

AMHERST CARRIAGE FACTORY BUILDING.

Mr. DUFF:

1. What rental is paid per year to Percy C. Black and John W. Regan, liquidators of the Nova Scotia Carriages, Limited, for the use of the carriage factory building at Amherst, N.S.?

2. What troops have been quartered in this building and for how long?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. \$7,000 a year.

2. Building was rented as accommodation for Dispersal Station Military District No. 6, and to be used in case of emergency due to transportation difficulties. It has been occupied by the following units: 485 men 1st Depot Battalion, British Columbia Regiment, 27th April to 14th May, 1918. 49 men 12th draft Canadian Field Artillery, British Columbia Regiment, 27th April to 14th May, 1918. 355 men 12th draft, 2nd Battalion, May 8 to May 14, 1918.

AMHERST MINERAL WATER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

What amounts have been paid to W. H. Tenant or The Amherst Mineral Water Company, Limited, Amherst, N.S., for supplies for the Military and Internment Camps at that place during the years 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18 and 1918-19?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

Department of Justice—by Internment Operations' Office to the Amherst Mineral Water Company, in 1915-16, \$11.55; 1918-19, \$2. Department of Militia and Defence—the only payments made by the Department of Militia and Defence to the Amherst Mineral Water Co. during the years men-