

Receipts: 1944—on incorporation \$574,748.03, during year, \$260,667.71; 1945, \$1,122,116.94; 1946, \$1,449,373.28; 1947, \$276,401.19.

AFTON-BAYFIELD-SUMMERSIDE RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

1. Did the Postmaster General or the Post Office Department receive a petition from eligible residents along the proposed rural mail route at Afton-Bayfield-Summerside in Antigonish county, Nova Scotia, objecting to the establishment of such route?

2. If so, how many persons signed such petition?

3. Do they represent fifty per cent or more of the eligible residents?

4. Is a rural mail service being established? If so, when will it start operating?

5. Who is the courier and what remuneration is he paid?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier):

1. Yes.

2. Petition has 76 signatures.

3. Not known.

4. It is proposed to establish rural mail delivery service when 50 per cent of eligible residents have purchased and erected boxes.

5. Proposed contractor is John James Jones, at \$1,100 per year.

FERRY STEAMER "PRINCESS HELENE"

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): A few days ago another question was asked by the hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Black) concerning the steamer *Princess Helene*. I did not have the answers ready and therefore asked that the question be made an order for return. I find that the answer is ready and I therefore ask that I be permitted at this time to file the answer to that question.

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

1. Has the ferry steamer *Princess Helene* been taken off bay of Fundy service, Digby-Saint John, for a period from April 26 to May 18 this year?

2. Is there a contract for conveying the western mail to and from Digby, Yarmouth and such points via this route?

3. What provision has there been for conveying the mail when the *Princess Helene* is off duty during this period? Has it resulted in delays?

4. What is the contract price per year for conveying such mail and for subsidy for operating the steamer?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier):

1. Yes, for annual overhaul.

2. Yes. Contract with Canadian Pacific Railway under order in council P.C. 1473 of 6th March, 1945.

[Mr. Lapointe.]

3. During suspension of ferry service mails usually conveyed by the steamer have been routed by railway. This results in delay in some instances.

4. Contract price is 50 cents per mile. Actual payment made during fiscal year ending 31st March, 1948, was \$13,500.

No subsidy is paid.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

LIVE POULTRY—EXPORT PERMITS

Mr. WHITE (Middlesex East):

1. What are the names and addresses, by provinces, of the holders of export permits for live poultry to the United States for the years, 1945, 1946, 1947 and to date in 1948?

2. What quantities of live poultry were exported by each permit holder, by months, in the years 1945, 1946, 1947 and to date in 1948?

Mr. McILRAITH: Return tabled.

DIMITRI DONTZOW

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. When was Dimitri Dontzow, now a resident of Montreal, admitted to Canada?

2. What was he doing during the second world war and in what countries was he working and for whom?

3. Is he now engaged in work for the government; if so, what?

4. Has he taken any steps towards securing Canadian citizenship and, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): Return tabled.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

REFERENCE TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS ON BELL TELEPHONE BILL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Temiscouata): Mr. Speaker, it is unusual but I have a correction to make in the minutes of proceedings and evidence of the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines which studied the Bell Telephone bill. The committee has reported to the house that it will not sit again, and therefore this is the only way I can make the correction.

On page 48 of the proceedings, speaking to Mr. Macaulay, I am reported as follows:

Mr. Pouliot: Make it the best you can and I would be satisfied with your answer, because you have a nice face.

I never said that. I paid a much higher tribute than that to the gentleman. I said "because you have an honest face," which is a great tribute to this man.