

Questions

mined by the price obtained at a public sale of manuscript. The collection taken by the chief French archivist would probably realise at a public sale at least \$9,025.

10. They were packed in the archives in two special cases made by the Public Works department and were taken personally by Major Lanctot.

11. Yes.

12. Yes. \$500 to cover travelling expenses and living allowance.

13. About ten weeks. His duties have been taken over by the Dominion archivist.

14. Paris office. One official in charge of the work in Paris and seventeen other employees mainly copyists. London office. One official in charge, six copyists and one draftsman.

15. Major Lanctot made the collection and a request was made for his services by the French committee in charge of the exposition.

16. No information.

PRODUCTION OF DOMESTIC FUEL

Mr. CANTLEY:

1. Has any contract been entered into between the Minister of Mines or other department of the government and any person or corporation under the provisions of chapter 52, an act to encourage the production of domestic fuel from coal mined in Canada, and, if so, how many such contracts are now in force, with the name of each contractor?

2. How many coke ovens are embraced in such contracts?

3. What was the tonnage of coal mined in Canada and so used in such coke ovens?

4. What was the quantity of coke produced under such conditions in such coke ovens?

5. What was the amount of bonus applied for and what amount has been paid under the provisions of this act up to December 31, 1928?

6. What was the total tonnage of all coke produced in Canada between April 14, 1927 (date of passing of act), to December 31, 1928?

Mr. RINFRET:

1. Yes. One contract has been entered into with the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, of Halifax.

2. The number of ovens covered by this contract amounts in all to eight.

3. As the plant has only recently been completed no authoritative information is yet available.

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5. The bonus applied for is 4% of the total cost of the works. As final cost sheets are not yet available the amount of subsidy to be paid cannot be calculated until such time as

these are received. No amount was paid under the provisions of this act up to December 31, 1928.

6. 3,720,794 net tons. (Compiled from reports of Dominion Bureau of Statistics).

AMSEY BIGNEY

Mr. HANSON:

1. Was one Amsey Bigney in the employ of the government, in the capacity of fish warden, during the seasons of 1926, 1927 and 1928?

2. If so, is it the intention of the government to reappoint him for the year 1929?

3. Is the government aware that the said Amsey Bigney has been convicted for violating the New Brunswick liquor laws?

Mr. CARDIN:

1. Not in 1926, but about two months in each of the years 1927 and 1928.

2. No decision yet reached.

3. The Department of Marine and Fisheries was not aware of such.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN OTTAWA

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River):

What is the total sum paid for rentals of government offices and buildings in the city of Ottawa, for each fiscal year since 1922-23 to 1927-28, inclusive?

Mr. ELLIOTT:

1922-1923, \$636,091.67; 1923-1924, \$656,950.63; 1924-1925, \$688,002.85; 1925-1926, \$672,632.09; 1926-1927, \$678,856.25; 1927-1928, \$720,608.79.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS SUPERVISION COMMITTEE

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River):

1. What are the names of the ministers at present composing the government contracts supervision committee?

2. On what date was an order in council passed appointing them?

3. What is the amount of public purchases dealt with by this committee during each of the past five years by departments?

4. What is the amount of public purchases dealt with by the staff of the government contracts supervision committee during the past five years by departments?

5. What is the status of L. H. Beer on this staff? Does he rank over or under Colonel LaFleche, and to what extent does Colonel LaFleche assume responsibility for the administration of the salvage work of the committee?

Mr. ROBB:

1 and 2. By order in council of 8th August, 1924, the organization, formerly under the committee referred to, was placed under the direction and control of the Minister of Finance.