

3. Has the said R. P. Clerk recommended any one for promotion during the months of February, March, April, May, of this year?

4. Is this the same R. P. Clerk who sent liquor to members of the Civil Service Commission (since resigned), and, if so, does the government consider it proper to permit him to make further recommendations for promotion?

Hon. Mr. BOIVIN:

1. Yes.

2. No, but efficiency and fitness ratings are made by both collector and inspector.

3. Answered by No. 2.

4. The government has made no change in position occupied by Mr. Clerk pending report of special committee investigating administration of Department of Customs and Excise.

COAL TRANSPORTATION VOTE

Mr. SPENCER:

Referring to amount of \$200,000 voted on July 16th, 1924, to meet expenses of coal transportation in Canada:

1. How much of this amount was spent?

2. What province or provinces benefited from the money so voted?

Hon. Mr. STEWART (Edmonton):

1. Vote No. 483, 1924-25 \$(200,000).

Paid Canadian Pacific Railway Company..	\$ 657 63
Paid Canadian National Railways..	10,393 44

Total expenditure.. . . . \$11,051 07

2. All the coal to which the amounts expended applied was mined in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all but a small part being furnished by Nova Scotia, and was sold in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, the greater part going to the province of Quebec. (The subvention was paid direct to the railway companies transporting the coal as was provided for by parliament).

HALIFAX GRAIN ELEVATOR

Mr. QUINN:

1. What has been the total cost of the new grain elevator at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

2. What is the capacity of said elevator?

3. What is the amount of grain passed through said elevator via the railway since its completion to the present date?

Hon. Mr. ROBB:

1. \$650,549.57 to March 31st, 1926.

2. 1,000,000 bushels storage capacity.

3.	Bushels
Wheat..	832,980
Oats..	1,518
Barley..	36,118

Total.. . . . 870,616

MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSION
LOAN OF \$12,000,000 FOR TERMINAL FACILITIES

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) moved that the House go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to authorize a loan to the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal in an amount not exceeding \$12,000,000, to carry on the construction of terminal facilities, upon approval by the Governor in Council of detailed plans, specifications and estimates for such works and the deposit of debentures of the corporation to cover said loan.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution recommends it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Mr. CANTLEY: We have not heard all of what was said. Will the minister speak out so we may know what this resolution is?

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I will read the resolution.

Mr. CANTLEY: Well, Mr. Speaker, you do not speak any too loudly.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I speak loud enough.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Explain.

Mr. LAPOINTE: This is new usage; these explanations have never been given before.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It may not have been done before, but I understood we were trying to shorten the work of the session, and if we know what we are expected to loan this \$12,000,000 for, it will hasten things along.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I have noticed, Mr. Speaker, that when an explanation is made on notice being given we have to give the same explanation when the resolution comes up the following day. This has never been done before; it is a new practice inaugurated this year to give explanations when we give notice of resolutions.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I am not insisting if my hon. friend does not want to give the explanation; I cannot insist, but I am suggesting that it would save time.

Mr. CARDIN: I have no objection at all—

Mr. SPEAKER: Louder.

Mr. CARDIN: I have no objection to saying a word in regard to this resolution. This is simply a notice that to-morrow I pro-