

EASTERN RAILWAY SUPPLY COMPANY.

Mr. BARKER asked:

1. What, if any, contracts or dealings has the Eastern Railway Supply Company, as principal or otherwise, had with the government since the first day of July, 1902, for sale or supply to the government railways, of belting, water hose, hardware, varnish, fencing wire, or other railway supplies; and has said company, as commission agent or otherwise, supplied any such stores or supplies to such railways since said date?

2. What were the dates and values of such contracts, dealings or arrangements, if any, and for what periods were they made?

3. What sums, if any, have been paid to said company or their principals by the government for the several years from the date aforesaid till the 31st December, 1905?

4. Is said company incorporated? If so, how and where?

5. If not incorporated, what are the names, residence and occupations of the persons forming the company?

6. Where is the principal office of said company?

7. What are the names, residence and occupation of its president and secretary, respectively?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals):

As to questions 1, 2 and 3, the information is too voluminous to answer in the form of an inquiry, and as the hon. gentleman has moved for an Order covering it, there will be no unnecessary delay in bringing the papers down.

4. The department is informed; but not officially, that the company is incorporated under the laws of the Colony of Newfoundland.

5. No. 4 answers this.

6. Halifax, Nova Scotia, so far as the department can ascertain.

7. The name of the president is to the department unknown, but reference to tenders shows that F. Fred. Pearson, of Halifax, signs on behalf of company as secretary.

HOG PLAGUE.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

1. What townships in West Kent and East Kent are under quarantine in respect to the hog plague?

2. How long has each of said townships been so quarantined, and how many cases of said disease have been reported in each of said townships during the past year, and what is the name of the township and place in each instance?

3. What government officials or veterinary surgeons are employed in each of said townships at the present time, and what is the salary and detailed expense of each of said officials or veterinary surgeons employed in respect of the said plague?

4. What amount has been paid by the government for the past year in respect of said quarantine?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Tilbury East, Raleigh, East Dover, West Dover, Chatham, Harwich, Camden, Howard.

2. Tilbury East, Raleigh, East Dover, West Dover, Chatham and Harwich were quarantined on October 22, 1902, Camden and Howard being added on May 1, 1905.

Camden was originally quarantined with the other townships on October 22, 1902, but had been released on November 25 of the same year.

141 hogs were reported and killed in Harwich and 13 distributed as follows:

Harwich:

April 7, lot 24, con. 3.	36
April 6, lot 20, con. 2.	45
October 24, lot 20, con. 2.	60

Chatham:

Sept. 25, lot 20, con. 3.	13
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3. There are no government officers or veterinary surgeons employed in any of the said townships solely. There are four inspectors employed for a larger area, in which said townships are included, who inspect carloads of hogs going out for immediate slaughter. Their names, and the amounts paid them during the past calendar year, are as follows:

W. Clapp, services and expenses from May to Dec.	\$ 77 85
H. W. Fry, inspection fees, May 16 to Dec. 31.	175 00
R. C. Coates, inspection fees, May 13 to Dec. 31.	294 24
Henry Boyd, inspection fees, May 22 to Dec. 31.	390 55

There are also four veterinary inspectors appointed under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, 1903, whose services are, in addition to other places, available and rendered in said townships. But these four inspectors deal not only with hog cholera, but with all other diseases coming under the said Act. Their names, and the total amounts paid them respectively during the past calendar year, are as follows:

J. R. Thorne, expenses, May 4 to July 17.	\$ 3 73
J. R. Thorne, salary one year.	250 00
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M. B. Perdue, expenses, Jan. 2 to Dec. 31.	366 19
M. B. Perdue, salary one year.	1,400 00
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J. Kime, jr., expenses, March to October.	56 98
J. Kime, jr., salary one year.	250 00
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