

Questions

FONDERIE DE ST. ANSELME—CONTRACTS

Mr. PARENT:

1. Were certain contracts awarded to the Fonderie de St. Anselme for supplies required by the Department of Public Works?

2. If so, what supplies were covered by these contracts?

3. What was the price paid?

4. Were tenders called for in each case?

5. If not, why not?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds):

1. No information.

2 to 5. Answered by No. 1.

RIVIERE DU LOUP STATION—REPORT

Mr. POULIOT:

1. From September 4, 1930, to October 4, 1930, did anybody report to the Department of Railways and Canals that there was no necessity for the construction of a new station at Riviere du Loup, as with proper repairs, additions and improvements, the existing accommodation could be rendered satisfactory?

2. If so: (a) at whose request; (b) by whom; (c) at what date was such report forwarded to the Department of Railways and Canals?

Mr. MANION:

1. Between the dates in question the matter was fully discussed as between officers of the railway and officers of the Department of Railways and Canals. In consequence, it was felt that the public interests would best be served by repairs to the present structure, and the government confirmed that view in the decision finally reached.

2. Answered by No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE—HALIFAX PROMOTIONS

Mr. QUINN:

1. Did Mr. Blair, Mr. Lennie or Mr. Hunter, of the Department of National Revenue, advise the department at Ottawa not to make any promotions at the port of Halifax until such time as they filed their report with the department at Ottawa?

2. Were any promotions made at the port during the investigation?

3. If so, of whom?

Mr. RYCKMAN:

1. No.

2. Yes.

3. In response to departmental requisition dated the 18th April, 1929, Mr. A. E. Widdick was promoted to customs truckman by the Civil Service Commission dated the 20th June, 1929.

MAJOR JULES LAFLEUR

Mr. RHEAUME:

1. Was Major Jules Lafleur dismissed, if so, for what reason?

2. At whose request was he so dismissed?

[Mr. Duranleau.]

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

RIVIERE DU LOUP WHARF

Mr. POULIOT:

What was the total cost for removing trusses or arches of eastern slip at Riviere du Loup wharf in 1931 and placing them underneath to give a wider passage for automobiles?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): \$390.

STEAMSHIP ROBERT CANN

Mr. DUFF:

1. What amount did the ss. Robert Cann receive as subsidy for the year up to March 31, 1931?

2. Did she receive any further amount?

3. What is the amount being paid the ss. Constance or her owners, either by the month or by the year, for the service between Mulgrave and Canso?

4. What contract, whether temporarily or otherwise, has been entered into by the government with the owners of said steamer regarding said service?

Mr. STEVENS:

1. \$23,384.61, while employed as a substitute for the ss. Linton.

2. No.

3 and 4. The Constance is being temporarily employed until her owners procure a permanent vessel for the Mulgrave and Canso service. So far no contract has been entered into and nothing has yet been paid for the service being carried on by the Constance.

*SECRETARY OF STATE—EUROPEAN TRIP

Mr. POULIOT:

1. When did the hon. Secretary of State leave for Europe last fall?

2. When did he come back to Ottawa?

Mr. CAHAN: I do not know that it is a matter of public interest when I left the country and when I returned, especially when my expenses were not a charge against the consolidated revenue of Canada. I will say, however, that I sailed from Canada on the 26th of September, 1930, and returned to Ottawa, November 24, 1930.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR—RETIREMENTS

Mr. CHEVRIER:

1. How many: (a) permanent; (b) temporary employees in the Department of the Interior in Ottawa have to date (a) received notice of their retirement; (b) how many have been taken in the government service in any departments; (c) how many are presently not at work?

2. Does that total number represent all of the employees of the Department of the Interior to be let out during the current fiscal year?