

Hudson Bay Railway

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6. Yes, one vacant and two leased.

7. Township of Osgoode, township of Goulbourne.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURN

SCHOOL LANDS

Mr. McTAGGART:

1. How many quarter sections of school lands within pre-emption area as defined by Dominion Lands Act, 1908, were sold up to December 31, 1922?

2. What was the total revenue derived therefrom up to December 31, 1922?

3. What amount remained unpaid upon such lands at December 31, 1922?

4. How many quarter sections of such lands have been surrendered to the government?

DOMINION LANDS—PRE-EMPTION AREA

Mr. McTAGGART:

1. What is the total area in acres of all lands within what is known as the pre-emption area as defined by Dominion Lands Act, 1908?

2. How many acres of such lands are under the administration of the Dominion government by virtue of: (a) Unproved pre-emption; (b) Unproved purchased homesteads; (c) Forest reserves and parks; (d) Grazing leases; (e) School lands?

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Vancouver Centre):

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Attorney General, Honourable Alex. Manson of British Columbia, and the Solicitor General, in reference to the proposed amendment to the Canadian Temperance Act, together with copies of resolution of the British Columbia Legislature, with the accompanying brief of the Attorney General of British Columbia, containing his references regarding the vote of the British Columbia Legislature.

Hon. D. D. McKENZIE (Solicitor General): I have no objection to the proposed motion, but my hon. friend must not be disappointed when he finds that I have no document of the class he is calling for except one letter with a draft amendment which came to me from the Attorney General of British Columbia.

Motion agreed to.

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

HALIBUT FISHERIES TREATY

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN:

For a copy of all correspondence, papers, communications, cablegrams, telegrams, writings, documents, etc., passing between the government of Canada or any

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member thereof and the government of Great Britain or any member thereof or the representations respectively of other governments referring to the recent negotiations for and to the execution of a treaty with the United States respecting halibut fisheries, and also between the government of Canada or any member or representative thereof, and the British Ambassador at Washington respecting the same subject.

MR. CAMILLE BOLTE

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

For a copy of all papers, correspondence, letters, documents, telegrams and other writings exchanged between the Post Office Department, the Civil Service Commission, at Ottawa, and Mr. Camille Bolté, an employee of the Post Office, at Montreal; also between Mr. Gaboury, Superintendent of Post Office, at Montreal, Mr. P. E. Coolican, at Ottawa, Mr. Lionard, Postmaster, at Montreal, and the Post Office Department, in regard to Mr. Camille Bolté.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

MOTION OF MR. ANDREW KNOX FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE REPORT

Mr. ANDREW KNOX (Prince Albert) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government of Canada give further consideration to the report of the Senate committee on the Hudson Bay railway with a view to safeguarding the investment of public moneys made in the construction of that portion of the work completed to date and that the government recognize the priority of this undertaking with reference to other transportation projects started subsequent to the Hudson Bay railway.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in moving this resolution, which is seconded by the hon. member for Nelson (Mr. Bird), I wish to say that we have no apologies to make. The resolution should be its own justification, because the matter has been before the people of Canada for the last forty years and has been discussed annually from every angle. I admit that some of the more enthusiastic supporters of the scheme may have painted the picture in colours that would not stand the acid test; on the other hand, we know that its opponents have in many cases tried to enlarge the difficulties. No great project has ever been carried through without the overcoming of difficulties. In the observations I intend to make I shall try to be fair and to lay the facts dispassionately before the House.

The Hudson Bay railway project has been investigated time and time again, and as the result of the various investigations held, both the old historic political parties have endorsed the scheme. Nothing has ever been brought forward to prove that it is not feasible or not workable. For the benefit of any hon. members who may not have heard the discussions of previous years, I should like, by way of introduction, to draw attention to a few facts in connection with the project.