

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, March 17, 1921

The House met at Three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE

Mr. MICHAEL STEELE (South Perth) presented the first report of the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

REPORTS

Re-organization of the Department of Public Printing and Stationery.—Right Hon. Sir George Foster.

Conditions in the Department of Printing and Stationery; supplementary report.—Right Hon. Sir George Foster.

RESIGNATION OF SIR HERBERT B. AMES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the resignation of Sir Herbert B. Ames as member for the electoral district of St. Antoine, Montreal. I have accordingly issued my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DOMINION CANNERS—GREEK AND ROUMANIAN PURCHASES

*Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

1. Has the Government paid to the Dominion Cannery Company certain sums of money for goods bought on behalf of Greece and Roumania?

2. If so, (a) for what amount, (b) what date, (c) what is the nature of these goods?

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

TRADE AGENTS IN UNITED STATES

Mr. BUCHANAN:

1. Has it been recommended to the Government that trade agents should be appointed in different sections of the United States in order to develop an export trade with that country?

2. If so, does the Government intend to act favourably on the proposal.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER:

1 and 2. Previous to the outbreak of the war, a more general extension of Canadian trade agencies had been under consideration but was then postponed owing to the general disorganization due to the war. The matter has since been taken up and is now under advisement by the Department. When a decision has been finally reached, the intention of the Government will be made known.

DOMINION NOTE CIRCULATION

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. What was the Dominion note circulation on the 31st of March, 1914?

2. What is it now?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. \$117,795,718.53.

2. February 28, 1921, \$290,194,519.92. Of this total \$137,115,075 is against approved securities under the provisions of the Finance Act.

CREDIT TO BELGIUM

Mr. PACAUD:

1. Is the credit of \$25,000,000 that was granted to Belgium on the 21st of March, 1919, still in force?

2. If not, at whose request and for what reason was it cancelled?

3. Is the Government aware that the Belgian Government would like to avail itself of such a credit to purchase in Canada our Canadian wheat?

4. If so, does the Canadian Government intend to renew such a credit?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. No.

2. Under the agreement of March 21st, 1919, purchases were to be made before the thirty-first day of December, 1919, the un-employed portion of the credit at that date to be cancelled.

3. No.

4. Answered by No. 3.

Mr. W. N. TILLEY, K.C.

Mr. BROUILLARD:

1. Upon whose recommendation was W. N. Tilley, K.C., appointed Counsel for the Government of Canada on the arbitration proceedings between the Dominion of Canada and the Grand Trunk Railway Company?

2. What is his remuneration in such services?