

2. How many pounds of papers, magazines and other periodicals entered Canada under the British preference in 1908, and what amount of duty was collected on same?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs):

1 and 2. The advertising pamphlets and other advertising matter entered under the British preference for the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1908, were as follows: Weight, 118,388 pounds; value, \$23,661; duty collected, \$11,838.80.

The customs returns do not show the weights of imported books, magazines, pamphlets and periodicals, except in the case of advertising periodicals and pamphlets.

Books, including novels, periodicals and pamphlets, entered under the preference during the above named fiscal year were valued at \$337,027.

Duty collected, \$19,848.85.

(Exclusive of papers and magazines entered free from the United Kingdom).

FLOODING OF FRASER RIVER IN MUNICIPALITY OF DELTA.

Mr. J. D. TAYLOR asked:

1. Has the government received a report from Engineer Coste, or other official, of damage to the banks of the Fraser river, in the municipality of Delta, through the flooding of the river last summer? If so, what action, if any, has been taken on the report?

2. Have representations been received from the municipality of Delta in this connection? If so, to what effect and with what result?

3. Is it the intention of the government to take any steps calculated to prevent similar damage during the period of high water this year?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works):

1 and 3. Upon representations made by Mr. R. Jardine respecting damage done at Port Guichon through extraordinary changes in currents and formation of sand bars, Engineer Coste was directed to make an examination; he reported that the river required to be well studied out before a general plan of improvements could be adopted. A further and more thorough examination is now being made.

2. Yes, through Mr. John Oliver, M.P.P.; request under consideration, although I am not persuaded that this is a work which should be undertaken by the federal government.

EXPENSES OF ELECTIONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH ONTARIO.

Mr. SAMUEL SHARPE asked:

1. Have all the expenses incidental to the holding of the election in North and South Ontario on October 26, 1908, been paid?

2. If so, what were the amounts in each case, and to whom paid?

Mr. ARMSTRONG.

Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals). All the expenses have been paid.

The amounts claimed and paid are as follows:

Ontario North:	
Total claimed	\$822 39
Allowances paid to returning officer	806 55
Disallowed	\$ 15 84
Ontario South:	
Total claimed	\$890 65
Allowances paid to returning officer	888 68
Disallowed	\$ 1 97

Note.—The detailed statements of allowances cover fifteen foolscap sheets. A copy can be supplied if required, or information will be given as to any particular individual's account.

ANNUAL ALLOWANCE TO ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN.

Mr. HERRON asked:

1. When will the additional annual allowance of \$93,750 to the province of Alberta and Saskatchewan, in lieu of public lands, provided for in section 20 subsection 2 of the Alberta and Saskatchewan Acts, cease?

2. How much of such additional allowance has been paid to date and how much is still to be paid?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance):

1. With the half-yearly payments due March 1, 1910.

2. \$375,000 has been paid to each province to date, and \$93,750 remains to be paid to each province.

ROYALTY ON COAL IN ALBERTA.

Mr. HERRON asked:

What was the total amount of royalty due and payable to the government on account of coal mined in the province of Alberta during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1908, and how much of the above was collected?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). From the returns of operations filed in the department the exact amount of coal mined subject to the payment of royalty in the province of Alberta during the above period of twelve months cannot be ascertained, as such returns are frequently received showing the quantity mined during considerable periods, and without showing the quantity which was mined during each of the months comprising such period.

The following amounts are therefore only approximate:

Amount which became due and payable	\$ 52,604 00
Amount collected	15,720 00