

2. How many were answered in full?
3. How many were only partially answered?
4. What portion were not answered at all?
5. What is the number of cards received from single men of military age?
6. What is the estimated number of single men of military age now in Canada who are not in military service??

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. No record was kept of the number of cards distributed. Distribution was made by the postmasters of Canada, and a sufficient number of cards was sent to each post office to meet the estimated requirements at that post office. In some cases additional quantities were requisitioned by postmasters; in other cases they were over supplied.

2. 1,342,755.
3. 97,640.

4. 108,965 cards were returned in envelopes without any of the questions being answered, but in most cases the names of the senders were obtained.

5. 252,034 single men, 18 to 45 years old, indicated that they were British subjects by birth or naturalization, and apparently fit for military service; that is to say, they had normal use of their eyes, ears, feet and arms, and did not suffer from illness for a period of more than one month during the twelve months preceding the filling in of the cards.

6. Answered by the papers laid on the Table by the Minister of Militia and Defence on June 13, 1917.

The Secretary of the National Service Board has submitted the following comment concerning the answers to questions 5 and 6:

"Our figure is 252,034 single men of military age and fitness. In our record we have, at the request of the militia authorities, discarded absolutely the following:

- "(1) Those who are not British subjects.
- "(2) Those who had more than three persons dependent upon them.
- "(3) Those who suffered from obvious physical disabilities such as defective eyesight, hearing, or loss of limb.
- "(4) Those who had lost over one month from any illness whatever during the preceding twelve months.

"(5) Those who on their own statement had been rejected for military service.

"From the best estimate we are able to make, we received returns, in connection with the man-power inventory, from approximately 80 per cent of the total males in Canada between 18 and 65. It must, however, be borne in mind that out of the 20 per cent who failed to send in cards, the

[Mr. Smith.]

majority would likely be single men, apparently fit for military duty."

SALE OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

Has the Government recovered the \$15,000 said to have been deposited in a trust account in the Bank of Montreal, New York, arising out of the sale to the Admiralty of small arms ammunition made by one Colonel J. Wesley Allison?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: No, in view of telegram from Mr. Bonar Law to the Governor General under date of 16th June, 1916, in which he states that "the special account opened with the Bank of Montreal at New York is not yet closed, there being a balance on deposit which will be accounted for to the Admiralty."

CLARENCE WELLS.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

1. Was Clarence Wells, of White Head, N.S., convicted for violation of the fishery regulations?
2. If so, when and what fine was imposed?
3. Was the fine collected?
4. If not, why has the fine not been collected?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. A search of the records for two years back shows that during that time Clarence Wells was not convicted for violation of the fisheries regulations.

- 2, 3 and 4. Answered by No. 1.

PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE.

*Mr. FORTIER:

1. Did the Department of Public Works purchase, in 1914, an automobile from one Alex Morrison of Montreal?
2. If so, what was the price paid for such automobile?

Mr. REID:

1. No. On 3rd October, 1916, an automobile was purchased from Alex. Morrison, of Montreal.
2. \$400, and accessories, \$214.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN.

*Mr. MURPHY:

1. What are the names of the members of the military staff at North Vancouver?
2. What are their respective duties or occupations?
3. What is the rank and rate of pay of each?
4. What amount has been paid to each?
5. Upon what date or dates did the members of the said staff enlist, and how long have they been attached to the staff?