

RURAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE moved:

That an Order of the Senate do issue for a return of the details of certain totals, being the estimated cost of streets, sewers, etc., given on Figures 29-30, placed between pages 96-97 of Rural Planning and Development, written by Thomas Adams, being a report published by the Commission of Conservation dated 1917. The said totals being \$35,584, \$26,736, \$20,748 and \$23,533.

The motion was agreed to.

ELECTION, CONSCRIPTION, AND NATIONAL SERVICE EXPENDITURES.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. DAVID moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House statements showing in detail the expenditure made in connection with the last elections, the conscription law, and the National Service, up to the 1st of March.

The motion was agreed to.

CANADIAN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. DAVID moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for a statement showing up to the 1st of March instant:

The number of Canadian officers and soldiers who left Canada since the beginning of the war, the time of their residence in England, the cost of their maintenance in that country, the number of those who never went to the front, and the names of such officers.

The motion was agreed to.

VOTES BY NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. DAVID moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for the production of a statement showing the approximative number of votes given in the last elections by soldiers or persons who have never resided and who were not residing at that time in Canada.

The motion was agreed to.

WOMEN VOTERS.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. DAVID moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for a statement showing the number of women who have voted in the last elections, distinguishing:

- (a) Those who were the mothers, wives or sisters of soldiers residing in Canada;
- (b) Those who were the mothers, wives or sisters of soldiers non-resident in Canada;
- (c) Those who were employed as nurses or otherwise in hospitals or other places in England and France.

The motion was agreed to.

MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY moved:

That an Order of the House do issue for a statement showing, province by province, up to the 15th March, instant, in as many distinct columns

1. The number of men of the first class liable to be called to military service at the date fixed by the Government's proclamation.

2. The number of those who have responded to this call, distinguishing:

(a) Those who entered the service immediately.

(b) Those who have applied for exemptions from the service for one of the reasons stated in the Military Service Act.

3. Out of the number of men conscripted thus applying for exemption:

(a) The number of those who have obtained complete exemption.

(b) The number of those who have obtained temporary exemption.

(c) The number of those whose applications were disallowed.

(d) The number of those whose applications have not been taken in consideration:

(1) By the local exemption tribunals.

(2) By the appeals tribunals.

4. The number of volunteers and conscripts actually in the service since the Military Service Act has been in force, distinguishing:

(a) Those who enlisted voluntarily.

(b) Those who accepted conscription.

(c) Those who were conscripted by the judgments of the tribunals.

5. The number of men belonging to the first class who never responded to the call.

The motion was agreed to.

RAILWAY ACT CONSOLIDATION BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill A, an Act to amend and consolidate the Railway Act.—Hon. Sir James Loughheed.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

Before the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I would like to ask the honourable the leader of the Government if he can give us any information as to when the Minister of Finance is likely to take his seat in another place. There have been various rumours as to the condition of health of the honourable minister, and, as he was a very prominent member of the late Government, and as I presume his work would be very serviceable in the present Government, I think the House would like to have some idea as to the present condition of his health and when he is likely to return.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHHEED: I regret to say that I can give no information upon the subject. We all regret very much the serious illness of the Minister of Finance;