

8. (a) Augustus MacDonald, Souris, at \$13.33 per month; (b) A. L. Fraser, Souris, \$25 for the period the building was in use.

9. No.

10. Answered by No. 9.

11. \$17,112.77.

SUPPLIES FOR TROOPS IN CANADA.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES:

1. What procedure is followed to obtain supplies for the troops at local headquarters?

2. Are tenders asked for by public advertisement, or is there a patronage list, and are the parties whose names are on the patronage list asked to submit offers?

3. Is there a patronage list for Prince Edward Island?

4. If so, who prepared the list for the Government, what are the names and addresses of the parties on the list, and who recommended these names to the Government or the purchasing committee?

Sir SAM HUGHES:

1. The practice followed in making contracts for supplies to the troops at the various mobilization centres throughout Canada varies according to circumstances. If there is time enough before the supplies are required, tenders are called for by public advertisement, usually by posters put up in and about the town where the troops are to be stationed. When the time is too short to allow this to be done, tenders are obtained by circular letter or telegram from Ottawa, addressed to dealers of the locality concerned. Names of dealers are supplied by War Purchasing Committee. In some cases where the time is very short, the officer commanding the district is authorized to procure tenders from local concerns and transmit them, by mail or telegraph, to Ottawa for approval. No application from responsible parties for permission to tender is refused; and tender forms and necessary information are supplied to all such applicants. In all cases, the lowest tenders received are accepted.

2. Answered by No 1.

3. No.

4. Answered by No. 3.

ANTIGONISH FISHERY OFFICER.

Mr. W. CHISHOLM:

Who was the fishery officer for the county of Antigonish during the past year, and how much has been paid to him for salary and expenses respectively?

Mr. HAZEN: Hugh McDougall, Cross Ponds, Ohio. Salary, \$200; disbursements, \$254.87.

[Mr. Hazen.]

ANTIGONISH RIVER GUARDIANS.

Mr. W. CHISHOLM:

What are the names of the river guardians who were employed last year in the county of Antigonish, and how much was paid them, respectively, for their services?

Mr. HAZEN: Frank McLean, \$35; Thomas McAmis, \$20; John McDonald, \$30; John J. McLean, \$20; Daniel Murphy, \$20; Wm. Gordon, \$10; Hugh Chisholm, \$20; Donald Cameron, \$35; Duncan McDonald, \$20; John L. McDonald, \$20; Alex. McDonald, \$15; Ivan Randall, \$6; Peter Williams, \$20; Alex K. Chisholm, \$20; John A. Chisholm, \$20; Daniel A. Cameron, \$19.40; Archibald Cameron, \$2.40; William Landry, \$15.40; William Forbes, \$10. Total, \$358.20.

ANTIGONISH POST OFFICES.

Mr. WM. CHISHOLM:

1. What post offices were closed or dispensed with in Antigonish county since October 6, 1911?

2. What new post offices were established since said date?

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Backlands, Frasers Grant, Pomquet River, Rear Caledonia Mills, Usher.

2. Beechwood (re-opened), Cape Jack, Ireland (re-opened), Merland, Rear Caledonia Mills (since closed), Rear Georgeville, Sylvan Valley (re-opened).

PAYMENT OF SOLDIERS.

Mr. MURPHY:

1. Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a special despatch from Ottawa, published in the Toronto Mail and Empire, on November 10, 1915, as follows:

"Will Pay Soldiers' Wages By Cheque.

"Provides an Additional Check on Paymasters and Sheets.

"Special to the Mail and Empire.

"Ottawa, November 9.—All the soldiers are to be paid by cheques in the future. That is the new order to the paymasters, both of the organized units and the paymasters in recruiting offices. The cheques are drawn on the Bank of Montreal, and being Government cheques, no war tax is necessary on them.

"In the past the soldiers have been paid in cash. The change is viewed with favour generally by the paymasters, especially in the cases where the paymaster is also the recruiting officer. It avoids the dangers of mistakes in paying out in cash, but it is understood that the real reason for the change is that the Government may have a closer tab on the pay. This is an additional check on the paymasters and the pay-sheets, as they come into headquarters and the cheques have to correspond. It is claimed that in some parts of Canada there have been grave suspicions about paymasters in recruiting stations which had resulted in the change being made. One game which it is said