

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SOREL SHIPYARD.

Mr. GERVAIS:

1. By whom has Mr. Jackson been replaced as superintendent of the Government shipyard at Sorel, and at what salary?

2. Has he a practical knowledge of the English and French languages?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. No permanent appointment has been made. Louis Lacouture is Acting Officer in Charge. Salary, \$2,100 plus bonus \$228 per annum.

2. Yes.

## SHIPMENTS OF GOODS TO ROUMANIA THROUGH AMERICAN PORTS.

Mr. DUFF:

1. Are Canadian goods, purchased by Roumanians on the credit of the twenty-five million dollars, established by the Government, and destined for Roumania, still being shipped through an American port?

2. If so, why does not the Government insist that such goods, destined for Roumania, be forwarded through a Canadian port?

3. Will the Government give this important matter its most serious consideration?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Shipments to Roumania are being forwarded from Canadian ports. The total quantity shipped via Canadian ports has been 32,881 cubic tons, and via New York 2,850 tons. The traffic from Canadian ports has been handled in full ship loads. At the close of navigation last fall it was necessary to relieve the various manufacturers of their accumulation of goods packed ready for shipment, although this quantity was not nearly sufficient to make up a cargo. About 75 per cent of the material consisted of roofing, a comparatively low-priced commodity, which made the cost of storage, insurance and other charges prohibitive. There is no regular steamship service from Canadian ports to the Black sea, but the Furness-Withy company have a regular sailing from New York. In order to relieve the accumulation of goods in the manufacturers' stores, it was necessary to forward these goods through New York where they could be shipped without storage or insurance charges being incurred.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the goods to be shipped are being accumulated at Sydney and St. John, and as soon as there is a sufficient quantity to warrant chartering a vessel the remainder of the shipments will be made from these ports.

## EXPORT OF HIDES TO UNITED STATES.

Mr. FOURNIER:

1. Has an Order in Council been passed by the Government preventing the exportation of hides to the United States?

2. If so, on what date was that Order in Council passed?

3. Since the passing of that order, how many manufacturers or exporters have obtained permits to ship hides to the United States?

4. What are the names of these favoured manufacturers and exporters of hides?

5. Under these special permits, how many carloads of hides have they exported up to date?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER:

1. Yes.

2. On the recommendation of the War Trade Board June 13, 1918, and on the recommendation of the Cost of Living Commissioner August 2, 1919.

3. Under the War Trade Board order hides were first offered to the Canadian trade and after ten days if they were not absorbed in the domestic market licenses to export were granted. On January 1, 1919, the War Trade Board issued a general license covering the export of hides, but an embargo was reimposed on August 2, 1919, at the instance of the Cost of Living Commissioner. After a consultation with the Canadian tanners, hide dealers, and boot manufacturers, it was decided to grant permits on all applications.

4. There were no favoured exporters; all applications were treated alike and no one was discriminated against.

5. Since August 2 permits were issued covering the exportation of 631 cars of hides.

## MAIL CARRIERS.

Mr. DESAULNIERS:

1. How many mail carriers were appointed in 1919, and what was the name of each person appointed, place of residence, date of appointment and salary?

2. What distance are they required to cover each day when delivering mail?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL: I should like to inquire of the hon. member whether, in using the words "mail carrier" he means letter carriers or mail contractors?

Question stands.

## GROSSE ISLE PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. DECHENE:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to construct wharves at Grosse Isle this coming season, and extend same to deep water so that delay to ships may be prevented whilst inspection and disembarkation of passengers is being effected?

2. If so, what amount will be expended therefor, and when will construction be started?

Hon. J. D. REID: This information will be given when the Estimates are laid before Parliament.