

United Church, Estevan, Sask.; Methodist Church, Cloverdale, B.C.; Hartney Hall Union Church—Mr. Charters.

Dunleath Congregation, Sask.; Presbyterian Church, Norland and Dongola; Congregational Church, Kingsport, N.S.; Methodist Church, Macleod, Alta.; Hale Street Methodist Church, London, Ont.; Wesley Methodist Church, Galt, Ont.; Bell Street Methodist Church, Ottawa; Presbyterian Church, Murray Harbour, P.E.I.; Methodist Churches, Little Briton and Valentia, Ont.; of Wm. P. Wright and 14 others of the city of Toronto; Cameron, Trinity Methodist Church; Methodist Church, Stoney Creek, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Windsor Junction; Presbyterian Church, Flesherton, Ont.; Methodist Churches, Ebenezer and Bradford; Union Church, Foxwarren, Man.; Methodist Church, Pleasant Forks; Methodist Churches Portreeve and Lancer, Sask.; (Presbyterian) Union Churches, Magrath and Spring Coulee, Alta.; Methodist Church, Maple Creek; Sask.; Union Church, Elstow, Sask.; United Church, Kelowna, B.C.; Union Church, Daysland, Leith and Rosalind, Alta.; Union Church, Elk Point, Alta.; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Langley Fort, B.C.; Union Church, Monitor, Alta.; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Boissevain, Man.; United Church, Okotoks, Alta.; Congregational Church, Eaton, Sask.; United Church, Grandview; Methodist Church Mono Mills, Ont.; Methodist Church, Moulinette, Ont.; United Church, Orrville, Ont.; Methodist Churches, Hawthorne, Bowesville and Leitrim; Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Joliette, Que.; and of W. A. Hanna and 25 others of the Methodist Church at Port Carling, Ont.—Mr. Stewart (Leeds).

On the petitions being presented:

Mr. A. R. McMASTER (Brome): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order, whether it would not be possible to have these numerous petitions for and against Church Union placed on the Table of the House, to have them appear in Hansard the next day, and thus save some very valuable time.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. SPEAKER: The members are at liberty to do exactly what the hon. gentleman has just suggested, but they also have the privilege, if they so desire, of reading the petitions from their seats. Of course, it would save much valuable time if the petitions were simply handed into the Clerk of the House. They appear in the Votes and Proceedings the next day.

Mr. THOMAS SALES (Saltcoats) thereupon laid a petition upon the Table.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

#### CAR-LOADINGS IN CANADA

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. What were the total car-loadings in Canada (a) in April, 1923 and (b) in April, 1924?
2. What were the total car-loadings in Canada on the Canadian National Railway system (a) in April, 1923, and (b) in April, 1924?

Hon. Mr. LOW:

1. Total car-loadings of revenue freight on the principal railways in Canada for the weeks ended April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 1924, were 210,960; for the corresponding period of 1923 they were 205,820.
2. Total car-loadings on the Canadian National Railways for weeks ended April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 1924, were 99,264; for corresponding period, 1923, they were 99,533.

N.B. Data regarding car-loadings are collected and compiled on a weekly basis only.

#### MR. ARONOVICI—HOTEL SCRIBE

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. What special services were performed by Mr. Aronovici between December 1, 1922, and April 15, 1923, for which he was paid \$5,625?
2. Does this sum cover the whole amount received by Mr. Aronovici in respect of the Scribe hotel?
3. Who was the owner of the Scribe hotel two years ago?
4. With whom did Mr. Aronovici negotiate the purchase of the Scribe hotel?
5. What commissions were arranged for?
6. What net sum of money did those owning the hotel two years ago receive for the property?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1. Mr. Aronovici investigated the entire emigration position in those countries on the continent of Europe from which emigrants might be expected. He reported on the probable number of emigrants from each country, the conditions under which emigration could be induced and, generally speaking, examined the whole emigration problem from the company's point of view. In addition to this he reported on the opportunities for improving the company's position and securing additional freight, passenger and express business.
2. The sum in question had nothing to do with Hotel Scribe and, as indicated in the answer to question No. 1, was compensation paid to Mr. Aronovici for the services described during the period mentioned.
3. No information.
4. With the owners.