

***Mr. LANCOTOT:**

What was the total amount spent for the office of the engineer of the Public Works Department at Rimouski, Mr. J. C. Taché, during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1917, in salaries, including that of the engineer, rent, office supplies and heating?

Mr. ROGERS: \$12,615.08.

THE STEAMER DRAKE.**Mr. OLIVER:**

1. Was the oil cargo of the steamer Drake, belonging to the Standard Oil Company, seized on January 26, 1917, for undervaluation?

2. If so, was the cargo released on January 28, 1917?

3. What amount of duty and penalty was paid on account of the cargo of the Drake?

4. Was any back duty on previous shipments by the same company collected?

Mr. REID:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Full duties have been paid on cargoes landed from Drake. No penalties have been imposed on such cargoes for the reason they were properly entered.

4. Answered by No. 3.

FUEL CONTROLLER'S STAFF.**Mr. KAY:**

1. Has the Government come to any decision as to the number of secretaries, assistants and office employees, which will be required in the office of the Fuel Controller?

2. Have any appointments been made?

3. If so, what are the names of the persons appointed?

4. What salary is paid to each?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The only help that has been ordered under pay for the Fuel Controller up to the present time has been the appointment of which I spoke yesterday, of Mr. H. P. McCue. Whatever help may be necessary in the future, that is the condition of things as it is to-day.

LIEUT. ROSWELL BLAIN.**Mr. MICHAUD:**

1. Is Lieutenant Roswell Blain, whose home is in Brampton, Ont., and who originally enlisted in the 126th Battalion, subsequently transferred to the 116th Battalion, in Canada at present time?

2. Has he been discharged or is he home on furlough?

3. Is he still drawing pay?

4. If not, when did it cease?

5. Is Lieutenant Blain's wife drawing separation allowance?

6. If so, what amounts have been paid her?

7. From what date did the separation allowance start?

8. If not drawing separation allowance at present, when did it stop?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. Yes.

2. On furlough.

3. Yes.

4. Answered by No. 3.

5. Yes.

6. His wife is drawing the separation allowance to which she is entitled according to rank of her husband.

7. February, 1916.

8. Answered by No. 5.

WESTERN BUILDING INSPECTOR.***Mr. LEMIEUX:**

1. Has Mr. Gerrie, of Winnipeg, been recently appointed building inspector for the West in the Public Works Department?

2. If so, was he recommended by the Civil Service Commission?

3. What is his salary?

Mr. ROGERS:

1. Charles Gerrie, appointed building inspector for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, on 5th July, 1916.

2. No; the outside staff of the Public Works Department does not come under jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission.

3. \$150 per month.

BUSINESS PROFITS WAR TAX.**INFORMATION AS TO RETURNS BY BUSINESS CONCERNS.****On the Orders of the Day:**

Mr. F. B. CARVELL (Carleton, N.B.): I wish to ask the Minister of Finance if it is possible to have a clear statement of the policy which the Government intends to pursue regarding the publication of details of the taxation under the business profits war tax. I referred to this in the House some two or three weeks ago in the absence of the Minister of Finance, and the Prime Minister said he would bring it to the attention of the minister, but I have heard nothing further about it. I wrote to the Minister of Finance giving the names of four or five companies who I know have made large profits in the province of New Brunswick. I received the reply that no returns had been filed for the first year. I have received no further information. I am not bringing this up with a view to finding fault with the answers I received from the Finance Minister, but I feel it is a matter of so much importance that the House is entitled to a straight declaration from the Government as to how much or how little information the public are to receive in reference to matters of this kind. I do so largely because the hon. member