

## Questions

## REPORTS PRESENTED

Report of the Department of National Defence (French) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1925 (Militia and Air Service).—Hon. Mr. Macdonald.

Report of the Department of National Defence (French) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1925 (Naval Service).—Hon. Mr. Macdonald.

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—PROPERTY AND FREIGHT

Mr. PRICE:

1. What amount of money has been spent by the government or the Canadian National Railways on the docks, buildings, tracks, or property appertaining thereto at Portland, Maine, since the acquisition of the Grand Trunk railway property, to make it a more suitable port for export and import traffic?

2. How many tons of freight were imported and exported through this port for movement by the Canadian National Railways for the years 1924-25?

3. What amount of tonnage, both export and import, was handled by the Canadian National Railways through the port of St. John in the same years?

Hon. Mr. DUNNING:

1. \$15,344.24.

2 and 3. The management does not consider it to be in the public interest to give this information, which would be useful to competitors of the railway, and detrimental to its business.

## SUPERANNUATION ACT

Mr. McCLENAGHAN:

1. Has the government been petitioned by the wives and widows of contributors to superannuation funds Nos. 1 and 2, for relief?

2. Does the government propose by amendment to the Superannuation Act to grant relief, and, if so, in what particulars?

Hon. Mr. ROBB:

1. Yes.

2. The recommendations are being considered.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS—CLEANING STAFF

Mr. HEAPS:

1. What number of men on the cleaning staff of the House of Commons have been reduced from \$3.65 per day to \$3.50?

2. What number have been increased from \$3 per day to \$3.50?

3. What is the length of service of the men who received an increase in pay?

4. What is the length of service of the men whose wages were reduced?

[Mr. Power.]

Mr. SPEAKER:

1. 30.

2. 7.

3. From January 7, 1926.

4. Answered by No. 3.

## SHOT GUN FACTORY

Mr. KAISER:

Having regard to items 453f and 502d of tariff changes in budget announcements of April 15, 1926, would the government state how many shot gun factories are located in Canada, stating the name and address of each company?

Hon. Mr. ROBB:

So far as is known—none.

## UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

## CENTRAL VERMONT RAILWAY

Mr. CAHAN:

For a copy of the annual report, for the year ending December 31st, 1925, of the Central Vermont Railway, whose capital stock is largely owned by the Canadian National Railways.

## SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD

Mr. BROWN:

For a copy of all correspondence between the Soldier Settlement Board and any of its officials or employees, with reference to land purchased by the board through the firm of Kennedy and Kennedy, and for all orders and instructions issued by the board with reference to any further transactions with that firm.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): I should like to ask whether in the reorganization of the Civil Service Commission the government proposes to carry out declared Liberal principles and appoint at least one member from the body of civil servants.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I think I can assure my hon. friend that the government will act on Liberal principles in its appointments but the question of who will be appointed has not yet been determined. The matter is under consideration.

## AUTOMOBILE DUTIES

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Argenteuil): Last week when the Prime Minister was telling us from whom the government had sought expert advice before deciding on the reduction of duties on automobiles I asked whether the papers and documents connected with such consultation and advice would be brought down. The Prime Minister as re-