

OTTAWA-PRESCOTT HIGHWAY

Mr. GARLAND (Carleton):

1. Is any portion of the Federal grant for Highways applicable to the planting of trees on the Provincial highway from Ottawa to Prescott?

2. Is the Government aware that hundreds of trees planted along this highway are dead?

3. If the Federal grant can legally be used for tree planting, will the Government insist that the contractor who supplied the trees be compelled to replace those which are dead?

Hon. Mr. KENNEDY:

1. Yes; where trees are considered necessary to protect the road surface from the effects of sun and storm.

2. Oak, maple, ash or elm trees to the number of 5,070 were purchased from local farmers at 25 cents per tree, and planted, 75 feet apart, on portions of the highway, aggregating thirty-six miles, where no natural protection had been afforded. In addition, some 2,000 pine trees, the cost of which was not charged to the highway, have been set out. All tree planting has been under the supervision of a provincial forester. It is estimated that possibly 500 trees have failed to survive transplanting; it is understood that these are to be replaced at once by the provincial Highways Department.

3. Answered by No. 2.

MILITIA COUNCIL

Mr. LANCTOT:

1. What was the total amount expended on salaries or otherwise, in connection with the Military Council, for the year ending March 31st, 1922?

2. Are the Minister and Deputy Minister of Militia ex-officio members of the Militia Council?

3. If so, do they receive any additional remuneration in this connection?

4. What do these additional salaries amount to?

5. What officers are members of the Militia Council?

6. Do these officers hold any other position?

7. If so, what are their respective salaries?

8. Are the sittings of the Militia Council fixed by regulation or statute, or are said sittings left to the discretion of the council?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1, 3 and 4. There is no expenditure in connection with the Militia Council, except in so far as the vice president is concerned. He is an officer of the permanent force seconded for duty in accordance with paragraph 4, sections 8, 9 and 10, Militia Pension Act, and is entitled as Vice President of the Militia Council to the pay fixed by pay regulations, i.e., \$4,500 per annum.

2. Yes, the minister is the President and the deputy minister is the Vice President of Militia Council.

5, 6 and 7. Military Members: The Chief of the General Staff, the Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General and the Master General of the Ordnance, are the members of Militia Council. Their salaries are as follows: Chief of the General Staff, \$8,000; Quartermaster General, \$7,500; Adjutant General, \$7,500; Master General of the Ordnance, \$7,500. The position of Master General of the Ordnance has been abolished from 1st June, 1922. These officers are receiving no extra emoluments as members of Militia Council.

8. Sittings are left to the discretion of the minister.

WAR VESSELS AURORA, PATRIOT AND PATRICIA

Mr. ARTHURS:

What was the expenditure for 1921 on the cruiser Aurora and the two destroyers Patriot and Patricia (a) for repairs, (b) for maintenance, (c) for equipment and supplies, and (d) for pay and allowances?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

	Aurora \$	Patriot \$	Patrician \$
Pay and Allowances	346,856.44	90,126.66	83,153.38
Stores and Allowances ...	361,007.09	125,868.55	113,307.88
Medical Services	3,576.63	1,336.49	507.09
Martial Law ...	299.91	—	—
Recruiting Expenses ...	492.34	98.12	—
Repairs	70,131.84	41,810.96	48,936.53
Miscellaneous Effective Services	17,264.15	2,035.81	2,366.74
Non-effective Pay	19,888.35	6,017.43	5,956.10
	819,516.75	267,294.02	254,227.72

HIGH COST OF COAL

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to hold an inquiry into the high cost of coal in Canada, to the small consumer, in view of the falling prices at the mines?

2. What action, if any, does the Government intend to take to regulate this commodity?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. An inquiry having been held last year into the matter of fuel by a special committee of the House, the Government does not deem it necessary to hold another inquiry at present.

2. Any action deemed advisable will be made known in due course.