

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Thursday, April 8, 1920.

The House met at Three o'clock.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

GRAIN AND GRAIN PRODUCTS IN FREIGHT CARS.

Mr. ROBB:

How many freight cars were on track at Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., Portland, Maine, (terminals); loaded with Canadian grain or grain products, about dates March 20th, March 10th and March 1st last?

Hon. Mr. REID:

Halifax—March 1, 229 cars; March 10, 216 cars; March 20, 368 cars.

St. John—March 1, 209 cars; March 10, 200 cars; March 20, 148 cars.

Portland, Me.—Portland, Maine, being in the United States information is not available.

MILITARY DISTRICTS IN QUEBEC PROVINCE.

Mr. HUNT:

1. How many military districts were there in the province of Quebec?

2. In which districts are the counties of Compton, Stanstead and Richmond and Wolfe?

3. How many military police were there employed in the province of Quebec, and what salary did each member of said force receive?

4. What amount was paid for the travelling and other expenses of each of the said military police?

5. How many of these military police have been dismissed, and for what reason?

Hon. Mr. GUTHRIE:

1. Military Districts 4 and 5 and part of Military District 3 are in the province of Quebec.

2. The counties of Compton, Richmond and Wolfe are in Military District No. 5. The county of Stanstead is in Military District No. 4.

3. The number of military police employed in the province of Quebec is not immediately available, and could only be obtained with great difficulty, as no specific date is given,

and the numbers varied from time to time as circumstances demanded.

Members of the corps of military police received C.E.F. regimental rates of pay and allowances of their rank, and, in the case of non-commissioned officers and men, \$1 per diem extra duty pay.

4. When travelling on duty away from their station, military personnel of the Canadian Military Police Corps received their actual and necessary travelling expenses but in no case exceeding \$6 per diem for officers and \$3 for other ranks.

5. All the military police in Military Districts 3, 4 and 5 have been struck off strength on general demobilization.

CENTRAL VERMONT RAILWAY BOND ISSUE.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. What was the outstanding bond issue on the assets of the Central Vermont railway at the date the Grand Trunk system was agreed to be taken over by the Government?

2. What was the rate of interest and date of maturity?

3. Has any decision been reached as to how these bonds are to be retired at maturity? If so, when and how was this decision reached? What will the rate of interest be on the new issue?

4. Did the original Grand Trunk guarantee in regard to these bonds cover principal as well as interest or only interest? If interest only, for what period?

5. What was the net profit of the Central Vermont railway for the year ending December 31, 1919?

Hon. Mr. REID: The information asked for will be the subject of investigation by the Board of Arbitration to be appointed under the Grand Trunk Acquisition Act of last session, and it is, therefore, not in the public interest that it be disclosed at the present time.

JUDGES' SALARIES.

Mr. MACKIE (Edmonton):

Is it the intention of the Government to increase the judges' salaries as requested recently by delegates of the whole Canadian Bar Association?

Rt. Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: The intention of the Government will be disclosed in due course.