

gether with his report on the subject of the abolition of the office of Secretary the Hansard Section of the Reporting Branch of the House and the appointment of an additional shorthand reporter in the place of such secretary.

MOTION TO READ THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister): I move seconded by Sir George Foster, that the Orders of the Day be now read.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: The only matters to be taken up before the Orders of the Day are a few questions and motions for papers. I suggest to my right hon. friend that the business of the House will not be delayed if we take these up first.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: If no other matter is to be introduced, I agree to that. I withdraw the motion.

Motion withdrawn.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks.)

FRED. T. DEWOLF.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES:

1. What position does Mr. Fred. T. DeWolf occupy in the military service at Halifax?
2. What is the date of the present appointment?
3. What is the rate of pay and allowance paid him?
4. Was Mr. DeWolf brought from Vancouver to Halifax to perform his duties?
5. If so, were his transportation expenses paid and for what reason?
6. Was the transportation expenses of Mr. DeWolf's family paid by the Militia Department, from Vancouver to Halifax?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. Temporary acting chief recruiting officer for Nova Scotia, with the same rank as he held before the retirement of Major G. B. Cutten, who retired to resume his duties as president of Acadia College. Captain DeWolf had previously been assistant to Major Cutten.

2. 17th August, 1917.

3. Pay and allowance of his rank.

4. No. He came to the recruiting staff from the 1st Canadian Garrison Artillery at Halifax. Captain DeWolf was born in Halifax, January 1869, and, for the most of his life, conducted an extensive business there.

5. Answered by No. 4.

6. Yes.

FORESTRY RECRUITING OFFICERS.

Mr. LANCTOT:

1. Is the Government aware as to whether or not Captain J. F. Belford and Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Bernard, of Richmond, and Lieutenant R. I. Dean, of Sherbrooke, are recruiting Foresters in the Province of Quebec?

2. If so, is the Government aware as to whether or not posters to the following effect are being circulated in the Province of Quebec: Foresters wanted.

Men wanted for forestry work in England, Scotland and France.

Pay, separation allowance and bonus is the same as in other branches of the army.

This is the last chance for voluntary enlistment.

Join now. Don't wait for conscription.

This is what you have been waiting for.

Do your bit.

Apply to Captain J. F. Belford, O.C., Richmond, Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Bernard, Richmond, Lieutenant R. I. Dean, Sherbrooke.

3. Do the said Captain J. F. Belford, Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Bernard and Lieutenant R. I. Dean speak French?

4. What salary is being paid per day to each of them?

5. What amount, if any, has been paid to them up to date?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1, 4 and 5. Yes. Lieut.-Colonel E. S. Bernard, Richmond, is acting in a purely honorary capacity, and receives neither pay nor allowance. In addition, he furnishes his own motor car and pays his own expenses.

Lieut. R. I. Dean, of Sherbrooke, is now attached to Forestry Depot, Military District No. 5, and will receive pay and allowances.

Major J. F. Belford, now officer commanding, Forestry Depot, Military District No. 5, will receive major's pay and allowances.

The amount paid to Major Belford to date is his salary for the month of July, \$155; separation allowance at captain's rate, \$40.

To Lieut. Dean nothing, and Colonel Bernard nothing.

The total recruiting expenses to this unit, so far, have been less than \$500, and over 200 men have been raised, 127 of whom and four officers have gone overseas.

2. The posters referred to have been issued.

3. These officers speak French sufficiently for ordinary purposes.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE.

Mr. J. E. MARCILE:

1. On what date did the accountant of the House of Commons first occupy the office at the corner of Wellington and Metcalfe Streets?

2. Were these offices under lease to any other party at the time the Government first entered into possession?

3. If so, to whom and at what rental?