

Mr. CASGRAIN: A post office has not yet been opened at Wrentham, and therefore the office has not been closed. Complaints were made against the person nominated as postmaster; but on inquiry no evidence was adduced to sustain the charge, and shortly afterwards he left the locality. Another nomination has been made, and the office will be opened immediately.

LETHBRIDGE POSTMASTER.

Mr. BUCHANAN:

1. Who is the postmaster at Lethbridge, Alberta?
2. On whose recommendation was he appointed?
3. What is his salary?

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Mr. Alvin Ripley.
2. On recommendation of Mr. W. S. Ball, president of the Conservative Association, Lethbridge.
3. \$2,200 per annum.

IMPORTATION OF OIL FOR FUEL.

Mr. WILLIAM CHISHOLM:

1. How many tons of oil for fuel has been imported into Canada from April 1 to December 31, 1914, and what was the value of the same?
2. Has any duty been paid on such importations?

Mr. REID:

1. Imports entered for consumption in Canada of petroleum, crude, fuel and gas oils, .8235 specific gravity or heavier at 60 degrees temperature, amounted to 149,419,923 gallons, valued at \$4,217,336; under provisions of tariff item 267.
2. No duty was collected on the above.

PICTOU ISLAND TO MAINLAND PROPOSED TELEPHONE LINE.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has the Department of Public Works or Marine and Fisheries received any requests for the construction of a telephone line between Pictou Island and the mainland?
2. What action is proposed to be taken in regard to the same?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. Yes.
2. The matter is under consideration.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. What was the total receipts of the Intercolonial railway from April 1, 1914, to December 31, 1914?
2. What was the total expenditure on the Intercolonial railway in the same period?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. \$8,913,100.11, exclusive of free shipments for Belgian relief, amounting to \$44,600.
2. \$8,859,950.80.

FORT ERIE SHOOTING CASE.

Mr. MURPHY:

1. Has the Government retained counsel to defend Corporal Archie Kaye and Privates Leslie Kinsman and Edmund MacIntosh, now awaiting trial for the shooting of the American duck-hunters, Smith and Dorsch, at or near Fort Erie on the 28th of December last?
2. Will the Government also provide counsel for the defence of Constable Thomas Delaney who was committed for trial with the three militiamen on the same charge? If not, why not?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The answer to the both questions is in the negative.

Mr. MURPHY:

1. Has the Government paid, or agreed to pay, any sum to the legal representatives of Walter Smith, who was killed, and to Charles Dorsch who was wounded by three militiamen, at or near Fort Erie, on the 28th of December last?
2. If so, what are the terms of the statement?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. Yes.
2. The Government have paid \$10,000 to the mother of Walter Smith, and \$5,000 to Charles Dorsch as an act of grace for the shooting which occurred at Fort Erie on the 28th December, 1914. The sum of \$2,250 has been paid for legal and other expenses incurred by the parties.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Mr. MURPHY:

1. What are the names and addresses of the persons employed to administer and distribute the Canadian Patriotic Fund?
2. What salary is paid to each?
3. What was the total amount paid for salaries and expenses up to February 1, 1915?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The Government has no information on this subject; but it can easily be procured by application to the Association. The Association carries on its work under chapter 8 of the Statutes passed at the last session of Parliament, by which His Royal Highness the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governors of each of the provinces, the Prime Minister, and the leader of the Opposition of the Parliament of Canada, the Prime Ministers of the several provinces, and a number of other gentlemen were constituted into a body corporate under the name of