

Postal Note instructions to postmasters ;
Post Office Savings Bank cheques and
acknowledgments of deposit ;

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Post Office Savings Bank forms and
books ;

Forms of Money Order ;
Forms of Money Order advice ;
Instructions to Money Order Offices ;
Money Order forms and books ;

Notices of departure and arrival of
mails, &c. The correspondence of the de-
partment is also conducted in French when-
ever necessary.

2. The postage stamps, in the opinion of
the Postmaster General, bear all the infor-
mation required by the public to prevent
any possible mistake. The stamp itself
with the figure thereon indicating the value
is sufficient for all purposes.

The size of the postage stamp, especially
the space available for lettering, is very
limited. Besides, the present inscription on
postage stamps is so familiar, and there-
fore so easily understood by all elements of
the Canadian population, that it would be
unnecessary to make the suggested change.

To engrave and print a new series in order
to admit of a dual inscription might, in
addition to the extra expense, involve a
radical change in the existing contract.
Therefore no change is contemplated in the
system which has been in force during the
last 50 years.

3. The post office stamps that bear the
name of the office, the date of the arrival or
of the sending off of letters, &c., are, for all
practical purposes, printed in both lan-
guages. The name of the post office can
not vary, the date is expressed in numerals.
As regards the name of the month, the ab-
breviation standing for them are almost
identical. No change is contemplated.

MR. JOHN C. BOURINOT.

Mr. JOHNSTON asked :

1. Is Mr. John C. Bourinot an officer of the
Department of Customs ?
2. What are his duties ?
3. What salary does he receive ?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Cus-
toms) :

1. John C. Bourinot is an officer of Cus-
toms.
2. His duties are to aid in discovering
and in preventing frauds on the Customs
revenue.
3. His salary is \$1,000 a year.

MR. WM. WILSON.

Mr. JOHNSTON asked :

1. Is Mr. William Wilson an officer of the
Customs Department ?
2. What are his duties ?
3. What salary does he receive ?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Cus-
toms) :

1. William F. Wilson is an officer of Cus-
toms.
2. His duties are to aid in discovering
and in preventing frauds on the Customs
revenue.
3. His salary is \$900 a year.

MR. H. C. BLAIR.

Mr. JOHNSTON asked :

1. Is Mr. H. C. Blair an officer of the De-
partment of Customs ?
2. What are his duties ?
3. What salary does he receive ?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Cus-
toms) :

1. H. C. Blair is a special officer of Cus-
toms.
2. His duties are to assist in discovering
and preventing frauds on the revenue ; to
instruct Customs officers and to supervise
the frontier service.
3. His salary is \$1,600 a year.

STATISTICAL YEAR-BOOK.

Mr. ARMAND LAVERGNE—by Mr. Tal-
bot—asked :

1. Is the Statistical Year-book of Canada
translated into French ?
2. When will the translated edition be dis-
tributed ?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of
Agriculture). The translation was com-
pleted on the 12th February, and the copy
sent at once to the Printing Bureau. On
the 30th of March last the last corrected
proofs went in, and the book will be ready
for distribution shortly.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

Mr. ARMAND LAVERGNE—by Mr. Tal-
bot—asked :

1. Has the Minister of Railways taken any
steps to have the rights of the French lan-
guage better respected on the government rail-
ways ?
2. Will time tables in French be distributed
on the Intercolonial ?
3. What steps have been taken for the use
of the French language on the Intercolonial
Railway, in accordance with the requirements
of business and of the people ?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of
Finance). Instructions have been given for
the printing of time tables in the French
language to be placed in all the Inter-
colonial Railway stations in the province
of Quebec. The question whether any
further printing beyond what is now done
is needed in order to meet the convenience
of the people of that province is under
consideration ; and, if needed, additional
French documents will be printed.