

House of Commons Debates

SECOND SESSION—EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 20th May, 1897.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 110) to incorporate the Southern Counties Railway Company.—(Mr. Préfontaine.)

KINGSTON POSTMASTER.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER (for Sir Charles Elbbert Tupper) asked :

1. Has Mr. James Shannon, postmaster at Kingston, been superannuated or retired ?
2. If so, upon what ground ?
3. If Mr. Shannon has been retired and a successor appointed, what is the name and age of his successor ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). Mr. James Shannon, the postmaster at Kingston, has been superannuated. He was superannuated for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the post office at Kingston ; Mr. Shannon being a gentleman of advanced age and feeble health. His successor is Mr. Gunn, formerly a member of this House. His age has not been made known to the department.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. May I be allowed to draw the attention of the hon. the Postmaster General to the fact, that Mr. Gunn's age has to be made known to the department.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. Then I presume that if it has to be known it will be made known, but I have given the answer that at present his age is not known.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I draw the attention of the hon. gentleman to the fact, that Mr. Gunn is obliged to give his age.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. I have given the information given me to-day by the secretary of the department.

JUBILEE POSTAGE STAMPS.

Mr. GIBSON asked :

1. Is it intended by the Post Office Department to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps on the occasion of Her Majesty's approaching Jubilee ?
2. If so, will such stamps be put into public use, and what course will be adopted whereby the public may purchase such stamps ?
3. Will there be any limit to the quantity to be issued ?
4. Of what various denominations will such issue consist ?
5. What will be the amount of each denomination to be issued ?
6. What steps will be taken to limit the number to be issued ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). It is the intention of the Government to issue a set of jubilee postage stamps. Such stamps will be put into public use by being delivered to postmasters throughout Canada for sale to the public in the same manner as ordinary postage stamps are sold. There will be a limit to the quantity to be issued. The denominations of jubilee stamps, and the total number of such jubilee stamps to be issued are set forth in the following schedule :—

SCHEDULE showing the Denominations and Total Number of Jubilee Stamps to be issued.

Number to be issued.	Denomination.
150,000	½c. stamps.
8,000,000	1c. do
2,500,000	2c. do
20,000,000	3c. do
750,000	5c. do
75,000	6c. do
200,000	8c. do
150,000	10c. do
100,000	15c. do
100,000	20c. do
100,000	50c. do
25,000	\$1 do
25,000	\$2 do
25,000	\$3 do
25,000	\$4 do
25,000	\$5 do
7,000,000	1c. post cards.
Total value of one stamp of each kind, \$16.21½.	