

West Erinville, to improve the service of the district.

3 and 4. See answers to Nos. 1 and 2.

MAIL BAG LOCKS.

*Mr. CRUISE:

How many locks and keys for mail bags are used by the Post Office Department of the United States?

Mr. PELLETIER: This department is not in possession of this information, which would have to be obtained through the regular official channels of communication from the post office authorities in Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

*Mr. WARNOCK:

How many locks and keys for mail bags are used by the Post Office Department of the United Kingdom?

Mr. PELLETIER: This department is not in possession of this information, which would have to be obtained through the regular official channels of communication from the post office authorities in London, England.

Mr. CARVELL:

Did Lorenzo Grenier, of Quebec, take out, in 1911, a patent or make application for a patent, for padlocks for mail bags? If so, on what date?

Mr. BURRELL: No. On the 30th of December, 1911, Lorenzo Grenier filed an application jointly with P. V. Faucher and Aimé Dion, each to hold a third interest. The patent issued on the 17th of September, 1912, under number 142,823. On the 29th of October, 1912, all interest in the patent was assigned to the Ontario Equipment Company, in whose name the patent now stands.

*Mr. CARVELL:

1. On or about the 23rd September, 1912, did the Post Office Department give an order for 99,000 springs to improve the padlocks in use for the mail bags?

2. If so, to whom was the order given?

3. What was the price of each of these springs?

4. How many have been delivered to the department?

5. Was this order cancelled on or about the 2nd April, 1913? If so, for what reasons?

Mr. PELLETIER: No order has been given for springs to improve the padlocks.

*Mr. MARTIN (St. Mary's, Montreal):

1. Is Dr. Faucher, whose name has been mentioned in the matter of the new padlock sold to the Post Office Department, one of the members of the medical profession of Quebec?

2. What experience has he had in the padlock trade?

Mr. PELLETIER: The Post Office Department has no contract with Dr. Faucher,

and, consequently, does not pay him anything. The hon. member who puts the question should communicate with Dr. Faucher himself for such information as he may desire to get.

*Mr. LANCTOT:

1. Is Aime Dion, whose name has been mentioned in the matter of the new padlocks sold to the Post Office Department, one of the members of the Quebec Bar?

2. If so, what experience has he had in the padlock trade?

Mr. PELLETIER: The Post Office Department has no contract with Mr. Aimé Dion, and, consequently, does not pay him anything. The hon. member who puts the question should communicate with Mr. Dion himself for such information as he may desire to get.

*Mr. WHITE (Victoria, Alberta):

Have any of the new locks and keys for mail bags been sent to any of the Post Offices in the Yukon? If so, when and where?

Mr. PELLETIER: This House has been already informed that no new locks and keys have been as yet received from the contractor.

*Mr. GAUVREAU:

1. What is the Capital Stock of the Ontario Equipment Company?

2. How much is subscribed, and how much paid up?

Mr. PELLETIER: According to information received from the provincial secretary's department at Toronto, the capital stock of the Ontario Equipment Company, is one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, of which fifty-one thousand (\$51,000) dollars have been subscribed and paid.

*Mr. CARVELL:

1. Have any bags for mail purposes been purchased since 21st October, 1911, from the Ontario Equipment Company? If so, how many?

2. Were any tenders asked?

Mr. PELLETIER: No.

*Mr. CARVELL:

Are the padlocks purchased by the Post Office Department since October, 1911, of the same model as those purchased before that date, or are they improved padlocks?

Mr. PELLETIER: No padlocks of the new pattern have been purchased since October, 1911.

*Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Is the padlock for mail bags, specified in the contract entered into with the Ontario Equipment Company the old padlock improved?

2. If so, in what does the improvement consist?