

Mr. ROGERS:

1. A. Quesnel.
2. \$500 and for extra excavation \$15.
3. (a) No; (b) tender received from A. Quesnel for \$500.

Mr. BROUILLARD:

1. What length and width of concrete sidewalk has the Government caused to be made in front and on each side of the post office at Arthabaska?

2. What price has been paid?

Mr. ROGERS:

1. 814 square feet at 35 cents.
2. \$284.90.

SEA FISHERY STATISTICS.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

What are the names, post office addresses and remuneration of each of the officers in Guysborough county, N.S., who furnish the Department of Marine and Fisheries with the information on which the monthly bulletins of sea fishery statistics are based?

Mr. HAZEN: J. A. Dillon, Guysborough; R. V. Cooper, Wine harbour. This is part of their duty as officers, and no extra remuneration is allowed them.

SOUTH AFRICAN HAY CONTRACTS.

Mr. PROULX:

1. What was the amount of the judgment for debts and costs recovered against the Government by Boulay and Lussier in the action brought by them for damages arising out of their contracts for the sale of hay to the Department of Agriculture during the Boer war in South Africa?

2. When and to whom has the judgment been paid?

3. What other actions, if any, are pending against the Government in connection with the contract for shipments of hay during the said war?

4. Was the case of Boulay and Lussier vs. the King a test case?

5. If so, are any negotiations in progress for settlement of the remaining cases?

Mr. PELLETIER (for Mr. Doherty):

1. The amount of the judgment debt and costs recovered against the Government by Boulay and Lussier in the action brought by them for damages arising out of their contracts for the sale of hay to the Department of Agriculture during the Boer war in South Africa was \$1,361.33.

2. The judgment has not yet been paid. The suppliants have not yet obtained the certificate of judgment of the judge of the Exchequer Court. As soon as this has been done the judgment debt will be paid to the suppliants.

3. There are no other actions pending against the Government in connection

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with the contract for shipments of hay during the said war.

4. The case of Boulay and Lussier was not a test case.

5. Answered by No. 4.

EMPLOYMENT OF JOHN A. McDONALD.

Mr. KYTE:

1. Is John A. McDonald employed on the engineering staff, St. Peter's canal improvements?

2. How long has he been so employed, what is the nature of his employment and the rate of wages?

3. Has his dismissal been asked for by the resident engineer?

4. What are the grounds of complaint?

5. Has any action been taken?

Mr. REID:

1. Yes.

2. Since April 1, 1913—axeman—general labouring assistant, \$45 per month.

3. No.

4 and 5. Answered by No. 3.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

*Mr. LEMIEUX:

1. Has the Government received a copy of the following resolution passed on Friday, December 26, 1913, at 8 p.m. by the Executive Board of the Chambre de Commerce, of Montreal?

Your commission has apprised itself of all that has been said, written and made since twenty years by the chamber and outside of it on the Georgian Bay Canal question, since fifty years, that this question has been before the public, and, after deliberation, it recommends the adoption of the following resolution. It also recommends that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all public bodies, commercial and municipal, in order to obtain their help and adherence, and, thereby, assume the success of energetical, powerful and decisive pressure on the Government:

Whereas, the necessity of the construction of Georgian Bay canal is now so well acknowledged by all, that further arguments in its favour are now useless;

2. Whereas, the federal Government has already obtained all the necessary information as regards its possibility, its cost and the results which would be brought by the fulfilling of this great national enterprise;

3. Whereas, the leaders of the different governments at Ottawa have declared themselves in favour of the project;

4. Whereas, at its last session, the Government announced that the canal would not be built until a new commission be appointed to ascertain the commercial results of the scheme, which commission was to make a report at the next session of parliament;

Whereas, the session is now at hand, and this commission has not yet been appointed;

Be it resolved, that the Chambre de Commerce du district de Montreal re-iterates with energy its demand on the federal government for the construction of the Georgian Bay canal within the shortest delay, and assurances of its building at the impending session.