

Questions

2. What was the duty on same grade of raw sugar previous to the reduction of duty on this product in 1923?

3. How many vessels of the Canadian merchant marine operate between Canada and the West Indies?

4. What was the amount lost in operating these vessels each year since they have been placed in that service?

5. What subsidies, if any, were paid in years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, separately, to vessel owners operating between Canada and the West Indies?

Hon. Mr. ROBB:

1. The present customs duty on 96 degree raw sugar entering Canada is \$1.28712 per hundred pounds under the general tariff and 45 cents per hundred pounds under the British preferential tariff. Raw sugar from the British West Indies and Australia enters Canada under the British preferential rate. The proposed Canada-British West Indies agreement does not require any change in the general tariff but stipulates that the British preferential tariff be \$1 less than the general tariff rate.

2. Prior to the reduction of the general tariff rate in 1923, the duty on 96 degree raw sugar entering Canada was \$1.68712 per hundred pounds under the general tariff and 85 cents per hundred pounds under the British preferential tariff. Australian raw sugar has enjoyed the British preferential tariff rate since 1906.

3. Five steamers.

4. Western Group of Islands:

| | Subsidy received | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Operating from West Indies | Islands |
| Year | Deficit | |
| 1921.. . . . | \$310,988 54 | \$59,090 00 |
| 1922.. . . . | 255,320 96 | 59,250 00 |
| 1923.. . . . | 153,064 10 | 43,458 83 |
| 1924.. . . . | 119,228 34 | 39,146 52 |
| 1925.. . . . | 98,756 60 | *34,228 98 |

The above figures represent voyage operating results and do not include charges for interest, depreciation, annual overhaul and overhead expenses.

5.

| Year | Subsidies |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1921.. . . . | \$340,666 56 |
| 1922.. . . . | 340,666 56 |
| 1923.. . . . | 318,810 60 |
| 1924.. . . . | 318,051 20 |
| 1925.. . . . | 322,051 20 |

SANDY BAY WHARF

Mr. DOUCET:

1. What was the amount voted for the construction of a wharf or breakwater at Sandy Bay, county of Matane?

2. What was the amount expended?

3. Were the moneys expended by day labour?

4. If so, who was the foreman in charge?

5. Did this foreman have the necessary experience?

6. How was the location of the wharf arrived at?

7. What was the foreman's salary per day?

8. Were specifications issued for the construction of such wharf?

9. By whom was the work inspected when completed?

Hon. Mr. KING (Kootenay):

1. \$3,000.00 (1925-26).

2. \$3,002.02.

3. Yes.

4. Ulric Verreault.

5. Work was satisfactorily completed by the foreman.

6. Wharf located where wanted by the parties interested in shipping and navigation after consultation with the district engineer.

7. \$4 per working day.

8. Yes, specification of timber required issued to the foreman in charge of the work.

9. Senior Assistant Engineer L. G. Trudeau.

MARY E. FULLER

Mr. COTNAM:

1. Is the said Mary E. Fuller, appearing in estimates of the fiscal year 1927, under vote No. 76, the wife of Mr. T. W. Fuller, Assistant Chief Architect, Department of Public Works?

2. If so, under what regulation is this pension paid from year to year?

Hon. Mr. KING (Kootenay):

1. No.

2. No information.

MR. MAURICE CASEY

Mr. GOULET:

1. What is Mr. Maurice Casey's position in the Patent Office, Department of Trade and Commerce?

2. How is Mr. Casey classified and what salary is he receiving?

3. How old is he?

4. What is the nature of his work?

5. How long has he been in the service?

6. How long has he been absent in the last two years?

7. Has he applied for superannuation?

8. Who takes charge when he is not in his office?

Hon. Mr. ROBB:

1. Editor of the Patent Record.

2. Head Clerk, \$2,640.

3. 66.

4. Editing, indexing, etc., the Patent Record, a technical publication issued every Tuesday. Directing and supervising the work and the clerks in connection therewith.

5. 44 years.

6. Three months sick leave in the fiscal year 1924-25. No statutory leave. 61½ days sick leave in the fiscal year 1925-26. Eighteen days statutory leave.

7. No.

8. The officer next in rank in the office.