

## LABOUR STRIKES IN WESTERN COAL MINES.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Edmonton): I notice by the papers that the coal strike, which formerly was confined to Southern Alberta, has extended to Northern Alberta, as a result the bituminous mines on the railway lines west of Edmonton are tied up. Has the minister any information on that point, and has he taken any action which may be disclosed to the House?

Mr. CROTHERS: In reply to my hon. friend from Edmonton, I may say that Mr. Green, a member of this House, reached Calgary, I think a week ago this morning. He has been in communication with the operators and the representatives of the mines since that time. I have not received any particulars as to the progress he has made, I sent him a message on Saturday asking for particulars, and requesting him to state the present situation, and the prospect. I expected a wire from him, but it has not arrived. If I receive any information I shall communicate it to my hon. friend.

Mr. OLIVER: There is a very wide difference in locality between the two areas. Hitherto they have not been under the same co-operation in union matters. I should be very glad if the minister would get information relating specially to the mines in Northern Alberta, in which I am more particularly interested, as they took no part in the strike until the last few days, showing they are not under the same jurisdiction as the other mines, and are animated by different motives.

Mr. CROTHERS: If my hon. friend would give me the names of the mines to which he refers, I could perhaps answer his inquiry.

Mr. OLIVER: Jasper Park Collieries at Pocahontas, and Brulé Lake Mines, on Brulé Lake on the Canadian Northern, the Pacific Pass Mine and the Mountain Park Mine. These four would be the principal ones.

Mr. CROTHERS: I have received no information concerning a strike at any of these points. When did the hon. member learn it?

Mr. OLIVER: I saw it in the press on Saturday.

Mr. CROTHERS: I have no information, but I will inquire.

[Mr. Crothers.]

## PRIVATE BILLS.

### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS.

Bill No. 70, for the relief of Colin Darach Poole.—Mr. A. H. Clarke.

Bill No. 71, for the relief of Thomas Edwin Jory.—Mr. Nickle.

Bill No. 72, for the relief of Florence Evaline Synder Lockwood.—Mr. Kay.

## QUESTIONS.

Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks.

### PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS NATIONAL SERVICE.

#### Mr. A. W. CHISHOLM:

1. What are the names of the Provincial Directors of National Service for each province, and what compensation, if any, is paid them?

2. How many are employed as assistants in each province?

3. Are the assistants paid for their services?

4. If so, on what scale?

#### Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

| Province and Director.                            | Monthly Salary. |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ontario, M.D. No. 1, K. W. McKay.....             | \$250           |
| Ontario, M.D. No. 2, Lt.-Col. H. Brock...         | None            |
| Ontario, M.D. No. 3, Capt. W. N. Bowen            | \$250           |
| Quebec, M.D. No. 4, J. H. Sherrard, Col.          |                 |
| A. Mignault .....                                 | None            |
| Quebec, M.D. No. 5, Lt.-Col. C. A. Chauveau       | \$250           |
| Nova Scotia, M.D. No. 6, G. S. Campbell...        | None            |
| P. E. Island, M.D. No. 6, J. A. Macdonald         | \$250           |
| N. Brunswick, M.D. No. 6, L. P. D. Tilley.        | None            |
| Manitoba, M.D. No. 10, E. R. Chapman...           | \$250           |
| Br. Columbia, M.D. No. 11, R. F. Green...         | None            |
| Saskatchewan, M.D. No. 12, A. L. Haining          | \$250           |
| Alberta, M.D. No. 13, Hon. A. C. Rutherford ..... | \$250           |
| Director of Munitions Labour.                     |                 |
| Mark Irish, Toronto .....                         | None            |

2, 3 and 4. Those assisting Directors of National Service in the various Military Districts are voluntary workers and do not receive salary.

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

#### Mr. BOULAY:

1. How many Canadian officers and soldiers took part in the military expedition in the Transvaal?

2. What amount has been paid by the Government of Canada generally, on account of said expedition?

#### Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. 384 officers, 7,988 rank and file; 8,372 all ranks.

2. \$2,830,965.07.

### THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

#### Mr. CHISHOLM:

1. Who are the members of the Economic Commission?