

2. What is the amount of Business Profits War Taxes for which returns have been made for the respective years 1916, 1917 and 1918, but which have not been collected?

Mr. FOSTER (York):

How much money has been spent by the Dominion Government since Confederation on improvements in the harbours of Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Port Arthur, Victoria and Vancouver?

Mr. DELISLE:

1. Is it a fact that the so-called American experts employed by the Government for the re-classification of the Civil Service have finished their work or been dismissed or have resigned?

2. What are their respective names and salaries per day, and how much extra moneys have been paid to each of them respectively for travelling expenses and overtime?

3. Is it a fact that on leaving employment they have taken away with them the cards filled by the employees for the purpose of the re-classification? If it is so, is it the intention of the Government to claim these cards?

Mr. STEVENS:

1. Is the following statement credited to T. B. Patton, Income Tax Adjuster, correct—that Income Tax collected by the Federal Government from farmers of Canada amounted to the sum of \$389,011 in four years, and the total amount collected was \$83,768,110 from all other sources?

2. What was the total amount of Income Tax collected by the Federal Government in the past four years?

3. What was the amount of Income Tax collected from each province for each year?

Mr. SINCLAIR (Queens):

What are the names of all persons who have passed the Civil Service examinations from the province of Prince Edward Island in 1917, 1918 and 1919, showing: (a) the grade for which they passed; (b) the number of marks made by each; (c) those who are returned soldiers; (d) those who have received an appointment with the name of their position?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

On Government Notices of Motion being called:

Mr. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Quebec East): May I ask when hon. members will have the opportunity to move the resolutions under "Notices of Motions."

Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I desire now to proceed to the order "Notices of Motions" so that any motions that are unopposed may be passed, and that others may be dropped.

BOARD OF COMMERCE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. P. F. CASGRAIN (Charlevoix-Montmorency) moved:

For a copy of all investigations, reports and proceedings in connection with the work car-

ried on by the Board of Commerce, along with a copy of all decisions rendered showing sentences or fines imposed by the said board and a statement showing the costs of conducting such proceedings and investigations.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I am not prepared to adopt that motion at the present time for two reasons. One is that the amount of work involved would be very great and the return tremendously bulky. In the second place, the report of the Board of Commerce is pretty nearly ready for laying on the table of the House, and I think it will give all pertinent and really useful information in connection with this question. The motion calls for a detailed report of everything that has been done by the Board of Commerce as a body.

Motion stands.

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION OF STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

On the order for the motion:

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Lambton):

That, in the opinion of this House, the recommendations set forth in the final report of the Royal Commission on the Natural Resources, Trade and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions, and presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of His Majesty, in March, 1917, showing that it is not desirable that the operations of the steamship companies carrying passengers and freight between the Dominion of Canada and the United Kingdom should remain longer without some measure of Government supervision, should be given effect; and that this Government should take immediate steps to assist the Imperial Government in bringing about Government control of the ocean carriers doing business (or, from time to time, doing business) between ports in the United Kingdom and ports in the Dominion of Canada, and that a permanent commission representing all parts of the Empire be established, which shall be invested with wide powers relative to transportation on the high seas; such powers, as far as possible, to be similar or analogous to those which have been conferred in Canada and in other Dominions upon permanent commissioners charged with the supervision and control of railway and steamship rates and their methods and conditions of operation.

Mr. J. A. ARMSTRONG (Lambton): May I ask if the Acting Prime Minister is prepared to accept this resolution?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Acting Prime Minister): No, I am afraid not. I would advise my hon. friend to drop it. If he wishes to make any remarks in reference to it he can do so when the House is in Committee of Supply.

Mr. ARMSTRONG: I will drop it under the circumstances.

Motion dropped.