

and has meant to them and will mean to them, the proper thing is to begin where we started and squeeze out the water that was in the lines at the time they were taken over. But the water we have ourselves pumped in should properly remain so that the people will realize what they are doing.

I beg to move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Thursday, March 1, 1934

The house met at three o'clock.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mr. J. EARL LAWSON (West York) presented the first report of the special committee on the Civil Service Act and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

SCOTSBURN, PICTOU COUNTY, MAIL CONTRACT

Mr. URQUHART:

1. What are the names of the parties who tendered for the mail contract for Scotsburn No. 3 rural mail route, Pictou county, when the last contract was awarded?

2. What was the amount of each tender?

3. To whom was the contract awarded and at what price?

Mr. DUPRE:

1 and 2. Kenneth Matheson, \$600 (minor); Hugh McL. Munro, \$780; Daniel M. McKay, \$786; Albert Gordon Blackie, \$790.

3. Hugh McL. Munro at \$780 per annum.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER

Mr. McPHEE:

1. How many pounds of New Zealand butter came to Canada in the calendar year 1933?

2. How many pounds of New Zealand butter are at present on consignment in Canada?

3. How many pounds of New Zealand butter have been released for sale in Canada since January 1, 1934?

Mr. MATTHEWS:

1. Imports of New Zealand butter entered for consumption in Canada, calendar year 1933, 1,321,208 pounds.

2. New Zealand butter in customs custody February 28, 1934, 320,146 pounds.

3. Imports of New Zealand butter entered for consumption in Canada since January 1, 1934, as recorded from entries received in Ottawa to February 28, 1934, 376,992 pounds.

CANADA SHIPPING ACT DRAFTING

Mr. CHEVRIER:

1. Did the government, Marine department, or any other department, procure any assistance outside the public service of Canada to draft, edit or otherwise prepare for printing the text of the Canada Shipping Act which was introduced in the Senate as Bill J, on March 8, 1933?

2. If so, who is the person or who are the persons who have been required for such assistance, stating their names, professions and addresses?

3. What amount, remuneration or gratuity, if any, was paid to any such person for that assistance, as well as for any travelling expenses, living allowance or extra costs, if any?

4. What was the cost of printing the English and French versions of said bill?

5. Has the government, the Marine department or any other department, procured any assistance outside the public service of Canada to have the said bill corrected or otherwise redrafted for introduction during the present session?

Mr. CAHAN:

1. Yes.

2. Martin Griffin, K.C., barrister, of Vancouver, B.C.

3. Fees, \$4,250 (January 13 to March 7, 1933); travelling expenses, \$327.70; living allowance, \$564; extra costs, \$52.56, Total \$5,194.26.

4. English version (603 copies), \$1,494.20; French version (200 copies), \$2,168.93.

5. No.

CANADIAN LEGATION BUILDING, TOKYO

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. On what date was the order in council adopted in connection with the erection of a public building for the Canadian legation at Tokyo?

2. Was the said order in council made public?

3. If so, when?

Mr. BENNETT:

1. August 31, 1932.

2. No; but the substance was included in a statement given to the press by the Acting Prime Minister on August 31, 1933.

3. Answered by No. 2.

PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES

Mr. MICHAUD:

1. Will there be an increase in the subsidies to the provinces, and particularly to the province of New Brunswick, during the present fiscal year?