

2. Why do the letter carriers in Eastern Canada not receive a salary equal to that paid to the letter carriers in Western Canada?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1. The question is under consideration.
2. An addition has long been in existence in the West, based on the higher cost of living.

MR. MAIN JOHNSON.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

Referring to an answer of the Honourable the President of the Council, reported on page 595 of Unrevised Hansard, of April 10, 1918.

1. Was Mr. Main Johnson appointed to his present position under section 21 of the Civil Service Act?

2. If so, was a certificate issued by the Civil Service Commission?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL: Mr. Johnson was not appointed under section 21 of the Civil Service Act, but by Order in Council under the War Measures Act, and in accordance with section 39 of the Civil Service Act as amended in 1912.

STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

Mr. BOYER:

1. Is the building of the hospital for invalid soldiers, at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, under Government control?

2. If not, through whose agency? Is it being built by contract or under the supervision of any public body?

3. What sum has been paid by the Government for the land where this hospital is being erected?

4. What will be the cost of construction?

5. How many invalid soldiers will it accommodate?

6. How far is this hospital from Macdonald College?

7. Has the Government considered the very grave inconvenience which may result from the erecting of such an institution in the vicinity of a college where hundreds of young ladies are being educated?

Hon. Mr. CARVELL: The answer to this question is in the form of a return, which I now lay on the table of the House.

MR. W. F. O'CONNOR, K.C.

*Mr. TOBIN:

1. Has the Prime Minister taken cognizance of the correspondence tabled by the Minister of Labour concerning the resignation of W. F. O'Connor?

2. Is it not true that another letter was delivered on the 15th instant and received by the Minister of Labour concerning said resignation of W. F. O'Connor, and is the Prime Minister to have the same produced?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. Yes.

2. The Prime Minister is informed by the Minister of Labour that there was a

subsequent letter which reached him after the return was brought down. There is no objection to having it produced.

Mr. EDWARDS:

1. When was Mr. W. F. O'Connor first employed in the Labour Department, in which branch thereof, and what duties were assigned him, who had previously performed them, and what were his qualifications therefor?

2. Was he given absolute control of the staff in that branch?

3. Had Mr. O'Connor a position in another department of the Government when so employed in the Labour Department?

4. If so, in which other department, and is he still employed there?

5. What salary was he paid in the other department, and has it since been continued?

6. What was he paid for the work done in the Labour Department?

7. Who gathered the information upon which his published reports were based, and were they all prepared by him?

8. Has a successor to Mr. O'Connor been appointed? If so, who? And what are his qualifications for the position?

Hon. Mr. CROTHERS:

1. Early in November, 1916, when the Order in Council was passed authorizing inquiries and investigations under oath respecting food, fuel and clothing, and placing the administration thereof in the Department of Labour, Miss Bessie McKenna, B.A., (now Mrs. Geo. Hambleton), was placed in charge of that work and in pursuance thereof proceeded to prepare questionnaires and forward them to merchants and manufacturers interested throughout the country. In the latter part of December, 1916, Mr. W. F. O'Connor, a barrister with some experience as an accountant, was appointed chiefly as an examiner to execute some of the provisions of that Order.

2. No.

3. Yes.

4. (a) As a secretary in the Department of Justice; (b) yes.

5. (a) \$5,000 per year; (b) yes.

6. \$2,000 per year, stipulated at \$166.66 per month.

7. Miss Bessie McKenna, B.A., (now Mrs. Geo. Hambleton), who also prepared the most of the reports of the work done under that Order.

8. (a) Yes; (b) R. J. McFall, M.A., Ph.D.; (c) he took courses in economics in Glasgow and Columbia Universities, and for two years was professor of transportation and regulation of monopolies in Minnesota University, and for the last year has been engaged in the Department of Trade and Commerce and in doing special work for the Food Board.