

2. Dr. L. F. Lepage, Dr. Alf. Bouillon, and Dr. J. A. Lord, at the rate of \$1,200 each per annum.

3 and 4. Dr. Ernest Belisle made inspections himself at Rimouski prior to 1911 without coming up to Quebec, at \$15 per inspection.

#### INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY ICE SUPPLY.

\*Mr. GAUVREAU:

1. What are the names of the tenderers for the contract for supplying the ice to the Intercolonial at Ste. Flavie?

2. What was the amount of each tender?

3. To whom was the contract awarded and on what conditions?

Mr. REID:

1 and 2. Tenders per 2,000 pounds:

J. A. Boulay, Sayabec, \$1.05, delivered and packed in the icehouse, freight and all other charges paid.

J. H. Rioux, St. Fabien, 60 cents, f.o.b. cars, St. Fabien, railway to carry ice free of charge from St. Fabien to Ste. Flavie.

Ernest Dastous, St. Fabien, 64 cents for ice; \$1.40 for freight; \$2.04, packed in icehouse.

Sirice Rioux, St. Fabien, 59½ cents, f.o.b. cars, St. Fabien, cars to be furnished free by the railway, and the railway to carry ice free of charge from St. Fabien to Ste. Flavie.

J. A. Pelletier, Rivière du Loup, 69½ cents, f.o.b. cars, Rivière du Loup.

3. The contract was awarded to Mr. J. A. Boulay at \$1.05, delivered and packed in the icehouse at Ste. Flavie, all charges paid, his tender being the lowest. The freight on a minimum car of 30,000 pounds from St. Fabien to Ste. Flavie is 6 cents per 100 pounds or \$1.20 per ton, which, added to Sirice Rioux's tender price of 59½ cents, made his tender \$1.79½ at Ste. Flavie.

#### PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE.

Mr. WILLIAM CHISHOLM:

Does the Post Office Department intend to close the Plainfield post office, Pictou county, as a result of the establishment of rural mail delivery routes, as has been done with other offices in the vicinity?

Mr. PELLETIER: Yes, if it is found after the establishment of the rural mail delivery routes that the patrons of the Plainfield post office are within the scope of rural delivery.

#### INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY MINIMUM FREIGHT RATE.

\*Mr. SINCLAIR:

What is the minimum local freight rate on small parcels on the Intercolonial railway west of Chaudière?

[Mr. Burrell.]

Mr. REID: 35 cents.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MR. PHILEAS DUBÉ.

\*Mr. LEMIEUX:

1. Is Mr. Phileas Dubé employed on the construction of the workshops of the Transcontinental railway at St. Malo, Quebec?

2. If so, what is the nature of his work and what is his salary?

Mr. REID:

1. Mr. Phileas Dubé is not employed by the Transcontinental Railway Commission nor by the Government on the construction of the work shops of the Transcontinental railway at St. Malo, Quebec.

2. Answered by No. 1.

#### BALANCE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT.

Mr. BURNHAM:

If Canada during 1913 imported six hundred and seventy-five million dollars worth, and during the same period exported three hundred and ninety million dollars worth, in what manner was the excess of imports provided for by Canada?

Mr. WHITE: The excess of imports over exports would represent principally capital borrowed abroad and money and effects brought in by immigrants.

#### UNDISCUSSSED AND UNOPPOSED MOTION.

Mr. Truax.—Returns showing: How many private cars are owned or leased by the Government, and their names or numbers; the total cost of said cars; the cost of operating same during the calendar year 1913; what, if anything, was paid for haulage or shunting of said cars during the said calendar year; where the said cars are located respectively, how many at Moncton, how many at Ottawa and how many elsewhere; what departments of Government or the ministers of same, if any, have cars for their particular use, which are sometimes placed at the disposal of other ministers; whether any of the railways in Canada or in the United States make any charge for transportation or hauling of said cars; and whether the companies in Canada by courtesy deadhead said cars; and, if so, at what rate.

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. C. A. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that on Friday last I put in the hands of Mr. Laplante and Dr. Thos. B. Flint the following question:

Mr. C. A. Wilson—On Thursday next—Inquiry of Ministry—1. Has the Government, or any member thereof, received the communication referred to in the following announcement, published in the Sentinel of March 19, 1914?

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. member is out of order. I looked over the question,