

Canadian overseas contingents or to the dependents of deceased members of such contingents?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. There are regulations in force at present governing the consideration that is to be received by way of pension. A revision of those regulations has been under consideration for some weeks past, and I anticipate that a final conclusion will be reached at a very early date.

2. I am advised by the Minister of Justice that it will not be necessary to pass any additional legislation.

SOUTHAMPTON RAILWAY INVESTIGATION.

Mr. CARVELL:

1. What is the total amount paid to date re Southampton railway investigation?

2. According to the claims filed, what amounts are still demanded?

3. How much has been paid respectively to each of the following persons, viz.:—E. J. Walsh, A. J. Milden, James K. Pender, David W. Brown and Titus J. Carter?

4. What amounts claimed by each of the above persons still remain unpaid?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. \$8,482.02.

2. None.

3. E. J. Walsh, C.E., \$2,029.55; A. J. Milden, C.E., \$840.70; Jas. K. Pender, paid nothing by the department; David W. Brown, paid nothing by the department; T. J. Carter, K.C., \$941.85.

4. None.

Mr. CARVELL:

1. With reference to paragraph 14 of the findings of R. A. Pringle, a commissioner for investigating certain charges re the Southampton Railway Company, has the Government or any department thereof taken any steps to recover the sum of \$34,607.50 which amount was found to have been overpaid to the said company?

2. Has the Government commenced criminal proceedings against James K. Pender or David W. Brown in connection therewith?

3. If not, is it their intention so to do?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. The Department of Justice has the case under consideration, with instructions to proceed for the recovery of any moneys which the Government is entitled to recover.

2. No.

3. This matter is also under consideration by the Department of Justice.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Mr. CARVELL:

1. Under the present agreement for the operation of the Valley railway, so called, between Fredericton and Centreville, in the prov-

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ince of New Brunswick, what proportion of the gross receipts are retained by the Intercolonial railway?

2. To whom is the balance of the said gross receipts to be paid?

3. In case of a loss in the operation of the said railway, what portion thereof is borne by the Intercolonial railway?

4. In such case, who bears the balance of said loss?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. None.

2. See answer to No. 1.

3. Fifty per cent.

4. Province of New Brunswick.

RIVER JOHN CUSTOMS SUB-COLLECTORSHIP.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has any appointment been made to the position of subcollector of customs at River John, Pictou county, vacant by the death of Mr. Henry?

2. Does the Government intend to maintain said office?

3. If so, when do they intend to make an appointment?

Mr. REID:

1. No permanent appointment has been made to this position.

2. Yes.

3. The position of sub-collector will be filled ere long. The duties of the position are now attended to temporarily by an officer from the customs house, Pictou.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—OXFORD JUNCTION—NEW GLASGOW BRANCH.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Why was one of the regular trains taken off the short line between Oxford Junction and New Glasgow on February 8?

2. Has the department received any representations to objections to same?

3. Does the department intend to put on said train again? If so, when?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. No schedule train was taken off the short line between Oxford Junction and New Glasgow. The way freight was taken off and its work is now being done by the regular mixed train.

2. No.

3. Way freight or extra freight trains will be run as business requires.

WRENTHAM, ALTA., POST OFFICE.

Mr. BUCHANAN:

1. Was a post office established at Wrentham, Alberta?

2. Is it still in existence?

3. If not, for what reason was it closed?