

4. Did the Department of Justice, or any of its officers, deposit or advance the whole or any part of the amount required to secure the provisional liberty under bonds of the said Charles Desjardins?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1 and 2. Charles Desjardins was employed by the Dominion Police in the capacity of private detective at \$2.50 per day. Not aware that he has the alias of Ti-Noir.

3. Yes.

4. The department deposited \$10,000 in lieu of bail for Desjardins pending his trial.

QUEBEC POST OFFICE.

Mr. CANNON:

1. Has the construction work on the Quebec post office been finished?

2. If so, since when?

3. What amount has been expended on this work?

Hon. Mr. CARVELL:

1 and 2. Construction work is almost completed, some little work is still required such as polishing floors, completing stairways and removing debris about premises inside and out.

3. \$500,100.95.

EXPORTATION OF CORDWOOD.

Mr. MICHAUD:

How many cords of wood have been shipped or exported from Canada to the United States during the year 1917?

Hon. Mr. SIFTON: Firewood exported to United States during the calendar year 1917 amounted to 14,689 cords.

RECORD BRANCH OF MILITIA DEPARTMENT.

Mr. FRIPP:

1. How many ladies are employed in the Record Branch of the Militia Department?

2. How many were summarily dismissed on or about the 19th instant?

3. How many of those dismissed have fathers or brothers overseas?

4. (a) How many of those dismissed had no near relatives in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces overseas; (b) and how many of this class were retained?

5. Does the Order in Council, giving preference to returned soldiers to appointments in the Government, not apply equally to their dependents?

6. If so, why were some of such dependents dismissed?

Major-General MEWBURN:

1. 586.

2. 211—but they were not summarily dismissed; they were given eight days leave of absence, with pay, when their services were no longer required.

3. 98.

4 (a). 113.

(b). 267.

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5 and 6. No employees of this office were dismissed unless or until they: (i) were reported on as unsuitable by their section head; (ii) had appeared before the staff revision board and been classified as other than "good" or "very good." Consistent with efficiency, those employees with relatives serving overseas are looked upon as entitled to preference. In the absence of qualifications to render them suitable for employment, preference would not seem to arise, and the matter is solely one of compassionate grounds.

EXCISE OFFICERS AT BERTHIERVILLE, QUE.

Mr. GERVAIS:

1. What are the names of the Excise Officers who are now, and who have been employed in the Melchers Gin and Spirit Distillery Company, Berthierville, during the years 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918?

2. What has been, and what are the respective salaries of these officers?

Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

Snowdon, J. W. \$2,000, duty pay \$150; Normandin, G. H. \$1,550, \$1,650, \$1,750, \$1,850, duty pay \$250, \$300, \$300, \$300; Oliver, H. \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000, duty pay \$150, \$150, \$150, \$150; Denis, J. L. \$800, \$800, \$800, \$800, duty pay \$150, \$150, \$150, \$150; Garipey, L. N. \$1,240, \$1,250, \$1,250, \$1,250, duty pay \$137.14, \$150, \$150, \$150; Tellier, J. O. \$800, \$800, duty pay \$125, \$50; Oliver, J. A. \$775, \$875, \$1,050, \$1,100, duty pay \$175, \$200, \$200, \$200; Champagne, A. \$900, \$900, \$900, duty pay \$33.33, \$116.54, \$93.75; Langevin, H. H. \$600, \$600, \$900, \$1,100, duty pay \$33.33, \$116.54, \$150, \$95.42; Barrette, J. A. \$725, duty pay \$13.71; Champagne, J. O. \$800, \$900, \$900, duty pay \$41.67, \$120.83, \$150; Parent, D. J. \$900, \$900, duty pay \$18.82, \$109.41; Barrette, J. E. \$925, duty pay \$1,673.

POSTMASTERS—DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Mr. CANNON:

1. Who are the Postmasters in the County of Dorchester?

2. Where are their post offices located?

3. When were they established?

4. What salaries do these postmasters annually receive?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

Abenakis, Ste. Claire, Treffle Lafamme, 1 July, 1883, \$50; Anvers Cranbourne, Romeo Bolduc, 24 January, 1917, \$50; Asselin, Cranbourne, Maurice Brun, 15 November, 1916, \$50; Barnard, St. Malchie, Amedee Girard, 1 June, 1916, \$50; Barre, Langevin, Rev. J. Z. Raymond, 1 December, 1916, \$50; Cadrin, Joliette, Athanase Royer, 1 February, 1913, \$50; Chemin Neuf, Cranbourne, Jos. Bouffard, 1 July, 1913,