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SHIPPEGAN, N.B., WHARF

Mr. VENIOT:

For a copy of all correspondence, tenders and other documents, relating to a call for tenders for work on Shippegan wharf, Gloucester county, New Brunswick.

SHIPPEGAN, N.B., SUB-COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

Mr. VENIOT:

For a copy of all applications, correspondence, and the report of the Civil Service Commission, relating to the appointment of sub-collector of customs at the outport of Shippegan, Gloucester county, New Brunswick.

ANSE AUX CANARDS RIVER—CONSTRUCTION

Mr. BRASSET:

For a copy of pay lists and other documents, in connection with work done at Anse aux Canards river, Gaspé county, since August, 1930.

GRANDE ENTRÉE, QUE., CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Mr. BRASSET:

For a return showing a copy of all pay rolls and amounts of money disbursed, in connection with the work done by the Department of Public Works at Grande Entrée, Gaspé county, from July 30, 1930, to the present date.

HÂVRE AUX MAISONS, QUE., CONSTRUCTION

Mr. BRASSET:

For a return showing a copy of all pay rolls and accounts which have been paid by the Department of Public Works in the municipality of Havre aux Maisons, Îles de la Madeleine, from July 30, 1930, to the present date.

L'ÉCHOURIE, QUE., LIGHTHOUSE WATCHMAN

Mr. BRASSET:

For a copy of all declarations, affidavits, telegrams and other correspondence, in connection with the dismissal of Gregoire Lafrance, of Pointe Basse, Îles de la Madeleine, as watchman of the lighthouse at l'Échourie, Îles de la Madeleine, and also relative to the appointment of his successor.

WHEAT AGREEMENT

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, before we proceed with the order of notices of motion, with the permission of the house I should like to lay upon the table two copies, one in English and one in French, of the World Wheat Problem and the London Agreement. This document was mentioned yesterday as having been circulated in western Canada to the governments of the western provinces.

[Mr. Blair.]

GUARANTEES TO BANKS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in answer to a question asked yesterday, I should like to intimate to the right hon. the leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) as to when the banks were made aware of the guarantees. He suggested it was in the month of August and I promised I would look it up. The truth is that while the government did not negotiate with the banks, the information to which reference was made was given before I left this country in June, that is, that if the securities could not be sold, the guarantee would be given.

CREDIT AND FINANCE

NATIONAL SYSTEM OF CONTROL UNDER JURISDICTION OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Mr. W. T. LUCAS (Camrose) moved:

Whereas, the provision of an adequate medium of exchange through the issue and control of currency, is a function inherent in the state, and one which is wholly within the jurisdiction of the federal parliament, and

Whereas, the transfer of this function to private interests to be used as a means of profit, rather than as a public service, has enabled those controlling finance to dominate every phase in the industrial and economic life of the nation, and

Whereas, the depressed and chaotic conditions which now prevail would indicate that this financial control, as at present exercised has proved itself detrimental to the best interests of the people of this country;

Therefore be it resolved, that, in the opinion of this house, the government should give immediate consideration to the re-assumption of this responsibility, and the creation of a national system of credit and finance, to be controlled in the interests of all the people, and under the jurisdiction of the federal parliament.

He said: Mr. Speaker, never in the history of Canada and perhaps never in the history of the world has the money question been so widely and freely discussed as at the present time. After the financial collapse and the disclosures which have been made in the last few years, the people are no longer willing to allow the bankers and financiers to do their thinking for them. They are asking themselves this very simple question: Why is it that having the raw materials, the men, the machines and the power to produce in superabundance, we cannot make use of the things we can and do produce? The answer is becoming obvious. It is because of an outworn, man-made, privately controlled money system. Nothing else stands in the way. I want to say to this