

PROVINCIAL LIQUOR COMMISSIONS, CUSTOMS AND  
EXCISE

Mr. DUFF:

1. What was the total amount paid, by way of customs and excise levy, during the fiscal year of 1930-1931, by each of the various provinces of Canada, through their liquor commissions?

2. What was the gallonage upon which said payments were made?

3. Has the total amount payable by each province been received?

Mr. BENNETT: It has not been the custom in times past—certainly not without the consent of the provinces—to disclose the business of the various provinces with departments in relation to the moneys they pay to the Dominion. General information of course is available from the provinces themselves at some time or other. There is no reason why the hon. member should not be able to obtain the information, but as I say it has long been the custom not to make public the affairs of the provinces in the conduct of business with the various departments of the public service.

Mr. DUFF: That applies to individuals and not to the provinces. The province is a public body, and I think the question should be answered.

Mr. BENNETT: The hon. gentleman is perhaps aware that the matter was the subject of litigation by the province of British Columbia, and the case finally went to the privy council. It is not the province that carried on the business, but the various commissions, and they stand exactly in the same position as individuals. If it is the opinion of the house that the custom should be departed from in the case of provinces or commissions, an effort will be made to get the information; but I am only indicating what the rule has been in days past.

Mr. DUFF: I will drop the question.

Mr. BENNETT: Thank you.

Question dropped.

TORONTO SOLDIERS' ADVISER

Mr. GRAY:

1. Has Mr. A. Conroy, formerly official soldiers' adviser for the district of Toronto, been dismissed from his position in the Department of Pensions and National Health?

2. Is the government aware that Mr. Conroy was employed for over thirteen years by the departments of Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment and of Pensions and National Health?

3. Is the department aware that Mr. Conroy himself and two of his sons served in the late war?

4. In view of his war record and services will the government take steps to reinstate this official?

Mr. MacLAREN: The first three queries of this question are in order, but number 4 should be dropped. It is not a proper question.

Mr. SPEAKER: Paragraph 4 of the question is dropped.

Question stands.

CHARLEVOIX-SAGUENAY CENSUS COMMISSIONERS

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Who was appointed census commissioner for the electoral division of Charlevoix-Saguenay?

2. By whom was he recommended?

3. What are his age, occupation, and residence?

4. What salary is he paid?

5. What persons were appointed by him as census enumerators in each parish of the said counties?

Mr. STEVENS:

1. Mr. L. A. Bouliane, N.P., of La Malbaie, Que., was appointed for the county of Charlevoix and Mr. Alfred Larouche (Wenceslas) of Grandes Bergeronnes, Que., for the county of Saguenay.

2. Appointed by the Honourable the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

3. Mr. Bouliane, commissioner for Charlevoix, is a notary, 68 years of age, and resides at La Malbaie, Que. Mr. Larouche (Wenceslas) commissioner for Saguenay, is a contractor, about 33 years of age, and resides at Grandes Bergeronnes, Que.

4. Each commissioner allowed an allowance of \$600 to cover organization expenses and for viséing of the returns made by the enumerators; checking them and forwarding to Ottawa; verification of enumerators' accounts and the general supervision of the census within the district over which they are appointed as commissioner the following rates are provided:

One cent for each name on the "population" schedule;

Three cents for each "agricultural" schedule;

One cent for each entry on the "animal and animal products, not on farm" schedule;

One cent for each record of blind and deaf persons;

One cent for each record of merchandising and service establishment.

5. Enumerators have not yet been appointed.