

2. To Port Nelson the estimated length is 420 miles approximately. To Port Churchill the estimated length is 505 miles, approximately.

3. Surveys, wages and supplies, in connection with surveys, \$156,430.69; construction, McArthur's contracts, \$354,830.65; Le Pas Bridge, \$108,000.00; supplies, including rails, &c., in connection with construction, \$195,343.42.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—MR. DUCHARME.**

\*Mr. LEMIEUX:

What was the per diem allowance paid to Guillaume Narcisse Ducharme, as member of the Public Service Commission?

Mr. REID:

\$30 besides 'reasonable living and moving expenses' while engaged outside of Ottawa.

**ANTIGONISH FOOD INSPECTOR.**

Mr. CHISHOLM (Antigonish):

1. Why was Donald Chisholm, temporary preventive officer at Tracadie, Antigonish county, dismissed?

2. On whose recommendation was it done, and was the recommendation in writing? If so, what was that recommendation?

3. On whose recommendation was Moses Delorey, of Tracadie, N.S. appointed food inspector?

4. What recommendation was made in this connection, and what is his salary as such?

5. Are there any other food inspectors in Antigonish county? If so, who are they, and what salary do they each receive?

6. What are the duties of food inspector?

Mr. NANTEL:

1. Political partisanship.

2. On the recommendation of a person in whom the department had confidence and supported by affidavits.

3. By direction of the minister.

4. He is an addition to food inspector as preventive officer. His total pay being \$300.

5. No.

6. To collect food samples for analysis whenever instructed to do so by chief analyst attached to the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa.

**BANKER'S ISLAND HOSPITAL.**

Mr. LAW:

1. Has the Marine and Fisheries Department had under consideration the closing of the hospital at Banker's Island, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia?

2. Is it their intention to discontinue the said hospital?

3. If so, for what reason will it be closed?

4. Where will sick mariners in that locality be treated in future?

Mr. COCHRANE.

Mr. HAZEN:

1. The officers of the Department of Marine and Fisheries have considered the matter.

2. Under consideration.

3. Answered by No. 2.

4. At the present marine hospital, until such time as other and more satisfactory arrangements are made.

**PICTOU MAIL SERVICE.**

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Who is the mail contractor between Pictou post office and the railway station?

2. Has a permanent contract been made with him for the service?

3. What amount is being paid per trip?

Mr. PELLETIER: The Post Office Department is at present trying to close this matter. There is no permanent contract signed yet.

**SCOTSBURN-RIVER JOHN MAIL SERVICE.**

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Who is the contractor for mail service between Scotsburn and west branch River John, Pictou county?

2. What is being paid him for the service?

3. Is said contractor working under a permanent contract?

4. If not, when is a permanent contract to be awarded?

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. J. Rae.

2. \$670.25 per annum.

3. No.

4. The question is receiving consideration.

**EAST RIVER, NOVA SCOTIA, WORKS.**

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. How many tenders were received by the Department of Public Works for the proposed improvements at the East River, Pictou, Nova Scotia, and what was the amount of each tender?

2. Has any tender been accepted therefor?

3. If so, what is the amount of said tender and who is the contractor?

Mr. ROGERS:

1. Three tenders.

2. No tender has been accepted.

3. Such information is not made public until the contract has been awarded.

**PICTOU-SEAFOAM MAIL CONTRACT.**

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has any contract been entered into for carrying of the mail between Pictou and Seafoam, Pictou county, Nova Scotia?

2. If so, who is the contractor and what is the amount paid him?

Mr. PELLETIER: The tenders for this service are now being considered.