

INSTRUCTIONS OF CADETS ON CANADIAN BOATS.

Mr. JAMESON:

1. Are there at present any naval cadets or midshipmen receiving instructions on any Canadian government vessel?
2. If so, upon what vessel or vessels is instruction so given, and since when?
3. By whom is instruction given, what is the ordinary station of the instruction on the vessel, and is any extra allowance made in respect to such services as instructor? If so, what allowance?
4. Of what does the course of instruction consist?
5. What are the names, ages, and places of residence of each cadet or midshipman, the date of joining, and by whose recommendation in each case were they shipped?
6. Have any examinations been held? If so, upon what dates, by whom, and what were the results in the case of each cadet?
7. What scholastic standard, if any, is required of cadets when accepted as such?
8. Is any pay allowed such cadets? If so, what is the rate of pay, and how much has been paid to each to date?
9. For how many cadets or midshipmen was accommodation provided when the system was initiated, what is the extent of the accommodation now, and upon what vessels?
10. Was the public informed of the government's intention in this regard? If so, when and by what means?
11. What has been the cost of this branch since its inception?

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1. Yes.
2. 'Canada' since June 1908.
3. Instruction is given by the officers of the ship in seamanship, and by the seaman's instructor in gunnery. From May to November, 1909, a tutor was paid \$35 per month for instruction in mathematics, previously the parents paid for instruction in mathematics.
4. Practical seamanship and ordinary scholastic subjects, with physical training and rifle drill.
5. C. T. Beard, midshipman, 19, Ottawa, January, 1909; J. Barron, 16, Stratford, O., June, 1908; P. W. Nelles, 17, St. Johns, Q., August, 1908; Victor Brodeur, 17, Ottawa, October, 1909; H. T. Bate, 15, Ottawa, October, 1909. These appointments were made on the instruction of the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
6. The officer commanding marine service on each of his visits examined the cadets, and is satisfied as to their progress.
7. None required.
8. \$15-\$18 per month. Mr. Beard, midshipman, at \$18 per month, \$209.60; Mr. Barron, cadet, at \$15 per month, \$277.50; Mr. Nelles, cadet, at \$15 per month, \$240; Mr. Brodeur, cadet, at \$15 per month, \$24.50; Mr. Bate, cadet, at \$15 per month, \$32.42.

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9. No special accommodation was provided when the system was instituted; the accommodation now is for five cadets and is upon the 'Canada'.

10. No.

11. Total cost for salaries, tuition and uniforms, \$1,324.

NAVAL SERVICE.

Mr. MONK:

1. Has the government purchased any warships since the Imperial Defence Conference of 1909? If so, what warships have been so purchased, and from whom?
2. What is the date and cost of construction of each of the said warships?
3. Have they been struck off the effective list? If so, at what date?
4. What are the details of construction, comprising tonnage, dimensions, &c., of said warships, and what is the armament of said warships?
5. What is the price of purchase of said warships, and on what date and through whom was said purchase or purchases effected?
6. Is the government negotiating for further purchases of ships?
7. Was it agreed at the conference of 1909, that the imperial defence plan adopted should only be carried out after its approval by the colonial parliament?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER:

1. No.
- 2, 3, 4 and 5. Answered by No. 1.
6. Yes. As I stated the other day negotiations are now pending with the imperial government for the purchase of a vessel but these negotiations are subject to the approval of parliament.
7. No.

COLD STORAGE PLANT AT BARRINGTON, N.S.

Mr. JAMESON:

1. Was the government assistance given towards the construction of a bait freezer or cold storage plant, at Barrington, N.S.? If so, what is the nature and capacity of the plant, when was it built, and at what cost?
2. From whom was the application received, and by whom signed?
3. What amount, if any, was paid toward construction, and upon whose recommendations?
4. What quantity of bait has been frozen and stored, by years, since built?
5. What quantity of ice has been stored, by years, and to what use has it been put?
6. Has any bonus been paid on bait? If so, what was the amount paid, the date of payment, and upon recommendation or certificate?
7. Is the plant owned or controlled by fishermen? If not by whom is it controlled?
8. Has the operation of the plant proved satisfactory to the government?