

responsible for the drafting of the Covenant; the Government considered it desirable that this explanatory statement should accompany the Covenant. If my hon. friend has not seen the statement I am quite prepared to let the motion stand over until to-morrow.

Mr. McKENZIE: I shall be glad to see the statement.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I did not catch the minister's explanation of the explanatory note which he laid on the Table a moment ago. Was it an essay issued by somebody, or what was it?

Mr. ROWELL: The document I laid on the Table was the Covenant of the League of Nations, accompanied by an explanatory statement prepared by the British Empire Parliamentary Delegation at the Peace Conference, and laid on the Table of the British House of Commons and printed as a Parliamentary Paper there. I am sure that this explanatory statement would aid in the understanding and interpretation of the Covenant by those who wish to get at its real meaning, particularly the laymen who are not so accustomed to studying a legal document as the lawyers are.

LABOUR CLAUSES OF PEACE TREATY, WITH EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

Mr. ROWELL: I desire to lay on the table of the House the Labour clauses of the Peace Treaty, with an explanatory statement prepared at the Peace Conference and published in Great Britain. It appears to the Government to be desirable that this explanatory statement with reference to the Labour clauses should also accompany the document as a printed Parliamentary Paper. If my hon. friend has not seen the explanatory statement I shall be glad to leave the motion for printing over until to-morrow.

Mr. CANNON: I am very much surprised that these documents are produced after the debate is over. Why were they not produced before the debate started?

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

KITCHENER POSTMASTERSHIP.

Mr. EULER:

1. Is the Government aware that the Postmaster at Kitchener resigned five months ago and that the office is still vacant?

2. Why has no appointment been made?

3. Will an early appointment be made?

[Mr. Rowell.]

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. Yes.

2. Careful investigation had to be made as to the qualifications of the applicants.

3. A recommendation is now being made to the Civil Service Commission.

PAYMENTS TO H. P. DUCHEMIN.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

How much has been paid by the Government to H. P. Duchemin, barrister of Sydney, N.S., during the year ending August 31, 1919, for his services in prosecuting offences against Inland Revenue regulations?

Hon. Mr. REID: Nil.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. TOBIN:

1. Is the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway still being operated by Honourable J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals, in his capacity of receiver?

2. If so, in virtue of what authority was he so appointed?

3. If by Order in Council, is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation during the present session to confirm the said Order in Council?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. Yes.

2. Order in Council No. 517, dated March 7, 1919, as amended by Order in Council No. 547 dated March 13, 1919, and ratified and confirmed by Act of Parliament passed on the 6th day of June, 1919, Chapter 22, Statutes of Canada, 1919.

3. Already confirmed by above mentioned Act.

GREAT WAR VETERANS' GRATUITY CLAIM.

Mr. GRIESBACH:

1. Has there been any correspondence between the Great War Veterans' Association and the Government respecting the provision of a further bonus or gratuity to returned soldiers?

2. If so, what is the nature of such correspondence?

3. Will the Government lay copies of the correspondence upon the table of the House?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL: This question was answered in substance by the statement made on Friday last. The correspondence will be laid on the table of the House.

INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS COMMISSION.

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Is there a vacancy on the Board of the International Waterways Commission (Canadian Section)?

2. If so, when is it to be filled, and by whom?