

2. If so, what use has been made of these incubators and sterilizer?

3. Where have they been utilized?

Major-General MEWBURN:

1. Yes.

2. They were placed in hospitals of the Canadian military authorities at Salisbury and elsewhere in England for use in the laboratories, for the culture of germs.

3. Answered by No. 2.

PORK, BACON AND HAM IN COLD STORAGE.

Mr. KAY:

1. What was the number of pounds of (a) pork, (b) ham, and (c) bacon held in cold storage in Canada on March 1, 1917, and on March 1, 1918, respectively?

2. What was the estimated number of pigs in Canada on the same dates?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. Reports from 83 per cent of cold storage companies show quantities in cold storage March 1, 1917, as follows:

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Bacon . . . . .         | 5,687,767 pounds. |
| Ham . . . . .           | 2,942,667 "       |
| *Smoked meats . . . . . | 8,873,564 "       |
| Pork . . . . .          | 23,946,100 "      |

(Judging from the holdings reported later, when returns were made by all cold storage companies, the holdings reported for March 1, 1917, represented about 97 per cent of the total.)

Quantities in cold storage March 1, 1918, were as follows:

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Bacon . . . . .         | 4,087,565 pounds. |
| Ham . . . . .           | 1,421,985 "       |
| *Smoked meats . . . . . | 8,114,571 "       |
| Pork . . . . .          | 19,895,869 "      |

\*Represents bacon and ham not reported separately.

2. The estimated number of pigs in Canada in June, 1917, was 3,618,382, as compared with 3,474,840 in June, 1916. There are no figures available for March 1, 1917 or 1918.

ACCOUNT OF P. NEWHOUSE.

Mr. PAPINEAU:

With respect to the following item which appears in the Auditor General's Report for the year ending March 31, 1916, at page ZZ-247; Newhouse, P., advance and imprest account unaccounted for \$9,733.33.

1. Has the said P. Newhouse rendered an account of said advances since the said report was tabled?

2. If not, has the Government taken any step to obtain such an account?

Major-General MEWBURN: This information is being requested by letter from the Overseas Military Forces of Canada.

[Mr. Papineau.]

L'ASSOMPTION AND MONTCALM RETURNING OFFICER.

Mr. SEGUIN:

1. What is the name and address of the returning officer who acted in the county of L'Assomption and Montcalm at the election of December 17, 1917?

2. What amount has he received for his services, and has he been paid in full?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL: The returning officer for L'Assomption-Montcalm for the election of December 17, 1917, was Dr. Louis Azarie Foisy, of L'Epiphanie, Quebec. He has received an advance of \$200 on account of election expenses for his district, and has in his possession the forfeited deposit of Mr. J. B. T. Richard, amounting to \$200. His accounts have not been paid, other than the advances as above.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

\*Mr. CASGRAIN:

April 22—Referring to question answered by the Government on March 21, in regard to the Director of Public Information for Canada—

1. How many persons are employed in this office at the present time?

2. By whom was Mr. Frank Yeigh employed as lecturer and organizer at \$350 a month prior to taking up this work?

3. By whom was Mr. W. S. LeSueur employed as advertising manager at \$200 a month prior to taking up this work?

4. By whom was Miss M. Wilson employed as journalist at \$100 a month prior to taking up this work?

5. Is the Federal Press referred to in the case of the employment of Miss M. Currie, the same office as was generally known as the Conservative Headquarters, Slater Street, Ottawa?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. Ten, with two in addition, temporarily employed.

2. Mr. Frank Yeigh was engaged in special work for the Y.M.C.A., and in addition, in lecturing and literary work, and reports that he was in receipt for this work of at least \$350 a month.

3. Mr. LeSueur was receiving \$150 a month from the Y.M.C.A., and had an additional income of \$50 a month from other special literary work.

4. Montreal Daily Mail.

5. Miss Currie was formerly employed in the Federal Press, Slater Street, Ottawa. She resigned from the Department of Public Information on 31st March, 1918.

LETTER CARRIERS' SALARIES.

Mr. DESLAURIERS:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to undertake a fair readjustment of the letter carriers' salaries in Canada, on account of the high cost of living?