

Questions

POST OFFICE—REDUCTION OF SALARIES AFTER EXAMINATIONS

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Are employees of the Post Office Department after they have commenced their duties as such, compelled to submit to examinations?
2. If so, do the examinations relate exclusively to the duties they are called upon to perform?
3. Who is the superintendent of these examinations?
4. As a result of such examinations, did certain employees have their salaries reduced by as much as \$120 per annum?

Mr. MULOCK:

1. Yes.
2. Based on general postal duties.
3. Chief superintendent of railway mail service.
4. Yes. Such action was taken because the employees concerned had failed to pass the required examination, although repeated warning had been given to them as to the possible consequence of failure.

CANADIAN FORCES—FOOD RATIONS WHILE ON LEAVE

Mr. CHURCH:

1. What are the present regulations with respect to allowing soldiers on active service special allowances on food rations while home on leave?
2. Are any special allowances made to soldiers' families when members of the active forces are home on leave?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Personnel of the armed forces proceeding on leave of five days or longer may obtain a ration card by presenting their leave warrant at any branch office of the ration administration or at any local ration board of which there are more than five hundred. If the party proceeding on leave does not leave from or go to a point where ration cards are issued, a ration card is applied for in writing by the officer commanding the unit.
2. Special allowances of rationed commodities are not made to soldiers' families except as mentioned above.

ROYALTIES ON TABULATING MACHINES

Mr. MARSHALL:

What are the particulars of the following item appearing in the auditor general's report, page 376, for year ended March 31, 1942: "an amount of \$10,800 was paid to F. Belisle and J. T. Richard for royalties on tabulating machines"?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

1941: May 13, \$3,600; June 6, \$3,600; July 9, \$3,600; total: \$10,800.

[Mr. Gibson.]

Being royalties in connection with six tabulating machines at \$1,800 each. Each machine was valued at \$9,000. Amount of royalty authorized by patent office.

METALS CONTROL—WERNER LAKE, ONT., COBALT PROPERTY

Mr. NOSEWORTHY:

1. Has the metal controller, or any other government official or government board, granted any priority rights or privileges to any individual or company for the building of a mill on any cobalt property at, or in the vicinity of Werner lake, Ontario?
2. If so, is such a mill being built, or about to be built?
3. To what company or individuals have such priority rights or privileges been granted?
4. What is the nature of any such priority, rights and privileges, or permission, granted by any government official or board?
5. Has any government board or controller granted the owners of this property, or anyone else interested in the development of this property, the right to fly a mill and equipment into this camp?
6. If any such priority rights, or permission, have been granted, on what grounds are they justified?
7. Has cobalt already been shipped by airplane from this property?
8. If so, what quantity has been shipped, and where has the destination been of such shipments?
9. Has any one or more individuals associated with the metal controller's department any connection, financial or otherwise, with this Werner lake property?
10. If so, who are they, and what is their connection with this property?

Mr. HOWE:

1. No priority rights or privileges have been given or asked for. The ordinary form of construction permit was granted.
2. A small 25 ton per day mill is being set up.
3. No priority rights have been granted.
4. Permit issued under the construction controller to set up a small mill.
5. No.
6. Answered by 5.
7. Yes.
8. Approximately 400 tons of ore. Destination was a consumer in the U.S. under a private commercial contract arranged in July, 1940.
9. Yes. One.
10. Norman B. Davis, technical adviser to the metals controller had started development of the property in question under lease prior to joining the staff of the metals controller in September, 1940. Mr. Davis joined the staff of the metals controller at that time on a clear understanding of his interest in the Werner lake cobalt property.