

*Mr. CARVELL:

1. Has the following letter been sent under instructions of the Postmaster General:—
(True Copy)

G. C. No.—X—1092A.
Post Office Department, Canada,
Office of Controller of Postal Stores,
Ottawa, September 23, 1912.

I am, by direction of the Postmaster General, to advise you that he has sanctioned the adoption of the disc pattern metal bar submitted by you, on which it is understood you hold a caveat from the Canadian patent office, and has directed that you be paid for these bars at the rate of 5½ cents each, \$5.33 per hundred, and to convey to you authority to make and supply to this department:—

18,000 metal bars, 4 inches, for bags, 22 x 32.

45,000 metal bars, 4½ inches for bags, 26 x 36.

36,000 metal bars, 5 inches for bags, 30 x 48.

These bars to be made as to pattern state, length of bar and size of disc strictly in accordance with the samples, one of each size (4 in.-4½ in.-5 in.), of which goes to you by concurrent registered mail.

It is of the utmost importance that the dimensions, width and size of the disc hole correspond exactly with specimen, otherwise will fail to fit the lock, (as to the disc) and the bags, (as to the length and width of each bar).

As it is the intention of the minister that these disc bars shall be brought into use with the least possible delay, I am to request that you will please be so good as to advise the department by return of mail, how soon shipment to this department, of a supply of the three sizes specified may be executed and in what quantity.

Very truly yours,
Sydney Smith,
Controller Postal Stores.

Mr. Edouard Lapointe,
9-11 Desjardins Street,
Quebec, P.Q.

2. For what object were said metal bars ordered?

3. Were any of them delivered?

4. Was said order for metal bars cancelled? If so, at what date and for what cause?

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. The Postmaster General did not dictate that letter, but the controller of postal stores had conferred with him in a general way before writing same. Moreover, the letter as it reads in the question is not accurately reproduced. It will be brought down with the other papers.

2. Because they were expected to minimize one of the objections to the lock.

3. A small quantity were offered, but they were not acceptable to the controller of postal stores.

4. The letter of the 2nd April, together with the answer given to-day about it, explain themselves.

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SALARY OF OPPOSITION LEADER.

Mr. EDWARDS:

1. Is the Government aware that the Indemnity Act provides for the payment of \$7,000 each year to the recognized leader of the Opposition?

2. Can the Government inform the House to whom the above mentioned salary will be paid this session?

Mr. BORDEN:

1. Yes.

2. To the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

CIRCULATION OF MONEY.

Mr. BELAND:

Are there in existence any statistics relating to the monetary circulation of Canada, of Dominion notes and bank notes and metallic moneys?

Mr. WHITE: Particulars of the circulation of Dominion notes and bank notes are to be found in each issue of the Canada Gazette. It is impossible to ascertain the amount of metallic money in circulation in Canada, but there are statistics as to the amount of metallic money coined for use in Canada.

CACOUNA STATION WATER.

*Mr. GAUVREAU:

1. Has the Department of Railways and Canals authorized Mr. C. S. Rioux, of Fraser-ville, to apply to the council of the parish of Cacouna, for the laying of the pipes of the aqueduct for the purpose of bringing water to the station of the Intercolonial railway at Cacouna?

2. If so, what will be the length of the pipe?

3. Where will they take the pure water?

4. What will be the cost of the works?

5. Who asked for the execution of such work?

Mr. COCHRANE: No.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—RATING OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has any change been made in the rating or standing of the employees of the Intercolonial railway by changing the district in which it is determined from a division to a province?

2. If not, is any such change contemplated?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. No.

2. No.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT LAW CLERK.

*Mr. CARVELL:

1. Is there a law clerk attached to the Post Office Department at Ottawa.

2. Who has been appointed to that position and what is the salary of said law clerk?

3. What are his functions?

4. When was said office created?