

Questions

4. (a) What is the number of telegraph agents employed on these lines, and (b) the total salaries paid?

5. What is the number of repair men employed on these lines, and what is the amount of the salaries and expenses paid to them?

6. What is the cost of material for repair of said lines?

7. What number of messages were handled by these lines during the last year?

8. Are the said lines serving any territory which cannot be served by telegraph lines along the railways?

Hon. Mr. KING (Kootenay):

1. Qu'Appelle to Fort Qu'Appelle, pole line 17 miles; wire, 17 miles; Fort Qu'Appelle to South Humboldt, pole line 162 miles, wire 163 miles; South Humboldt to Battleford, pole line 127 miles, wire 171½ miles.

2. East of Battleford 7 offices viz:—Qu'Appelle, Fort Qu'Appelle, Lipton, South Humboldt, Saskatoon, Henrietta and Baljennie.

3. Proportion of general average of outlay (aside from salaries) for all lines and offices in Saskatchewan, \$18 per mile (wire): For the section embracing the above 7 offices, \$6.-327.

4. (a) 7 agent-operators and 1 lineman; (b) \$10.980.

5. 2 linemen, 1 at Fort Qu'Appelle, salary \$1,476 per annum; and 1 at Saskatoon, salary \$1,620 per annum. Outlay for keep of horses, etc., is included in above-mentioned general average.

6. Cost of material used in maintaining the line is included in the above-mentioned general average.

7. 5,762 messages sent.

8. With the exception of Baljennie, the lines of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph and the Canadian National Telegraphs are now serving all points in the territory covered by the above described lines, in consequence of which the above lines and offices east of Baljennie, along with some other sections farther westward in Saskatchewan and in Alberta, are, in pursuance of an Order in Council, P. C. 141, of 30th January, to be discontinued and withdrawn by 31 March next.

YORKTON INCOME TAX OFFICE

Mr. SALES:

1. What is the total cost of the office of Assistant Inspector of Taxation at Yorkton, Saskatchewan?

2. What staff is employed in the said office?

3. What are the salaries paid?

4. What rental is paid for the office?

5. What amount of income tax has been collected by this office, (a) from farmers, and (b) from other persons?

Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

1. Cost including rent, 1 April, 1922 to 31 January, 1923, \$11,756.80.

2. At 31 January, 1923, 8.

[Mr. C. A. Stewart.]

3. Salaries per month: G. H. Bradbrooke, \$225; A. V. Laban, \$133.33; A. J. Blackwell, \$100; H. Hing, \$100; G. W. Butt, \$100; C. McNair \$75; M. I. Lorimer, \$75; J. Smith, \$50.

4. \$720 per year, which includes heating and lighting.

5. (a) None. (b) None.

Yorkton is a sub-district office and not a collection office.

The functions of a sub-district office are to assist taxpayers in the preparation of returns, build up and maintain a tax directory for the territory covered by the sub-office, conduct investigations and perform such other duties as are assigned to it by the Inspector of Taxation for the district.

Mr. DUNCAN MARSHALL

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

1. Is Duncan Marshall now an official of the Department of Agriculture?

2. If so, since when has he been drawing salary as such and at what rate?

3. Is he the same Duncan Marshall who was several times defeated as Liberal candidate in Dominion Elections?

4. Was he appointed through the Civil Service Commission?

5. If not, how was the appointment made?

6. Has the said Duncan Marshall addressed a number of Liberal political gatherings while drawing salary as an employee of the Dominion government?

7. If so, how many, and where were such gatherings held?

8. Did Duncan Marshall and W. A. Dryden go to Argentine, Chile, or Patagonia or any other South American countries at the expense of the government of Canada as announced in the House of Commons by the Minister of Agriculture on April 3, last?

9. Have the said gentlemen visited Great Britain at the expense of the Government of Canada?

10. Did Mr. Duncan Marshall or Mr. Dryden, while on any such trips purchase stock on their own behalf or on behalf of either of them, and import such stock into Canada?

11. If so, what number of animals were purchased by each of them, what were the breeds of such animals and when were they imported?

12. What is the total amount paid to each of these men by the government of Canada for salary and all expenses up to the present date?

13. Are these men or either of them now in the employ of the government?

14. If not, when did their duties cease?

15. How many pure-bred cattle or horses, sheep or swine have been exported from Canada to South America in the present fiscal year?

16. Have reports been made by either of the said men as to the duties they discharged while drawing salary or expenses from the government?

17. If so, are such reports available to members of the House?

18. What duties has Mr. Duncan Marshall performed that could not have been well discharged by expert officers already in the department?

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL:

1. Duncan Marshall is now an employee of the Department of Agriculture.