

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, June 11, 1924

The House met at three o'clock.

#### SALARIES OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I desire to lay on the table of the House copies of correspondence between the government and the Civil Service Commission and the Board of Audit respecting the revision of salaries of postal employees. This is the correspondence which was requested yesterday by the hon. member for Charlevoix-Montmorency (Mr. Casgrain). What is tabled includes all the correspondence, but it does not include some of the statistical tables which accompany that correspondence. If, however, those tables are desired they can be brought down later.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Do the copies include the correspondence with the other various bodies which were supposed to co-operate with the commission—the Audit Board and the deputy ministers?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think it includes all the correspondence between the government and the Civil Service Commission and the government and the Audit Board; I cannot be sure at the moment whether it includes the correspondence between the deputy ministers and the commission. I will have inquiry made and if necessary submit tomorrow such further correspondence as is not now included in what has been tabled.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Including correspondence between the Audit Board and the commission if there is any?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

#### HOME BANK INQUIRY

##### ROYAL COMMISSION, INTERIM REPORT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I beg to lay on the Table of the House the interim report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Home Bank, and I move that the said report

be referred to the select standing committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. MACLEAN (York): When will the report be printed?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I shall make a motion in a moment respecting the printing.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is the idea of referring the report to the Banking and Commerce committee? It was not the Banking and Commerce committee which was appointed to consider it. Perhaps this is done in pursuance of a motion made early in the session.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: There was an order passed to refer all Home Bank matters to the Banking and Commerce committee.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I move that rule 74 be suspended and that there be printed forthwith 750 copies in English and 250 copies in French, of the interim report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Home Bank, just laid upon the Table.

Motion agreed to.

#### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

##### SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. What amount has been collected under the sales tax during the fiscal year last passed in each city with a population of one hundred thousand or over?
2. (a) What amount of sales taxes were due and unpaid on the 31st March, 1924, and (b) what is the number of taxpayers in arrears on said date in each of said cities?
3. Have legal proceedings been taken against such taxpayers? If so, in what cities and what is the number of such proceedings in each city?

Hon. Mr. BUREAU:

1. Montreal . . . . .	\$26,278,911.39
Hamilton . . . . .	5,583,635.03
Ottawa . . . . .	1,570,821.44
Toronto . . . . .	23,701,694.45
Winnipeg . . . . .	4,987,623.56
Vancouver . . . . .	4,263,942.46