

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The answer to the honourable gentleman's inquiry is as follows:

In so far as the Department of Marine is concerned:

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2. Lady Grey, Mikula, Montcalm, N. B. McLean, Saurel, Stanley.

3. Lady Grey, 733; Mikula, 3,575; Montcalm, 1,432; N. B. McLean, 3,253.68; Saurel, 1,252.34; Stanley, 914.

4. Lady Grey, River St. Lawrence; Mikula, River and Gulf of St. Lawrence; Montcalm, River and Gulf of St. Lawrence; N. B. McLean, Hudson Strait July to October inclusive, and River and Gulf of St. Lawrence; Saurel, River St. Lawrence; Stanley, not in commission.

5. Lady Grey, \$208,994; Mikula, \$400,000; Montcalm, \$265,233; N. B. McLean, \$1,250,000; Saurel, \$759,000; Stanley, \$145,000.

6. Lady Grey, 1931, \$115,667.27; 1932, \$81,504.94; 1933, \$83,199.25.

Mikula, 1931, \$191,235.53; 1932, \$117,508.11; 1933, \$72,700.73.

Montcalm, 1931, \$161,478.88; 1932, \$143,357.10; 1933, \$106,769.83.

N. B. McLean, 1931, \$118,605.23; 1932, \$131,449.71; 1933, \$115,311.97.

Saurel, 1931, \$115,915.67; 1932, \$58,632.12; 1933, \$57,883.15.

Stanley, 1931, \$55,792.66; 1932, \$5,471.29; 1933.*

*The Stanley was withdrawn from commission in April, 1931, and laid up at Halifax with a watchman in charge.

IMPORTATION OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 3, an Act to amend the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

FISHERIES BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 7, an Act to amend the Fisheries Act, 1932.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

OTTAWA AGREEMENT BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 8, an Act to authorize an agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of Ottawa.

NATIONAL RAILWAYS AUDITORS BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 17, an Act respecting the appointment of Auditors for National Railways.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill D, an Act to incorporate the Personal Finance Corporation.—Hon. Mr. Foster.

HOSPITAL SWEEPSTAKES BILL

MOTION FOR SECOND READING—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, February 22, the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Barnard for the second reading of Bill A, an Act with respect to Hospital Sweepstakes.

Hon. H. C. HOCKEN: Honourable members, I understand that the principle of this Bill has been discussed on several occasions, but as—for reasons which you all know—I did not then have the privilege of speaking on the question, I should like to express my opinion to-night.

I have no doubt that the subject of lotteries has been very thoroughly discussed and I shall deal with only two aspects of the principle involved. In the first place, I firmly believe that to allow lotteries to be conducted in this country would have a very demoralizing effect on our people. Under the Criminal Code it is an offence to conduct a lottery. Evidently the prohibition is not based on moral grounds, because exceptions are made in favour of lotteries conducted for religious or charitable purposes, and therefore I purpose to argue the question purely from the social standpoint. I can remember when the State authorities of Louisiana conducted a lottery every month for the laudable purpose of providing funds for education. This had a very demoralizing effect not only on every state of the Union, but on this Dominion as well. In factories and other places where men assembled for work you would find these tickets being offered for sale each month, and those who could not afford ten dollars for a whole ticket were tempted to buy a tenth of a ticket. Sometimes the ticket-holder won a prize, but not very often. Ultimately the gambling craze reached such serious proportions that the Federal Government of the United States was forced to override the authority of Louisiana and discontinue the lottery.

I have had sufficient sense to refrain from gambling, but my observation, extending over many years, has convinced me that lotteries are one of the most demoralizing forms of gambling. I know of men holding good positions who waste their entire substance on gambling. Perhaps its most pernicious form is the buying of stocks on margin; but lotteries