

Mr. SAUVE:

1. Yes.
2. Jos. T. Beaudoin.
3. In the public interest.
4. No.
5. Instructions have been issued to invite public tenders.

ST. GERMAINE, QUE.—PARISH HALL

Mr. RHEAUME:

1. Was the sum of \$2,000, out of the moneys provided by the Unemployment Relief Act, granted to the parish of Ste. Germaine, county of Dorchester, for the purpose of constructing a parish hall?
2. If so, on whose recommendation was this grant obtained?
3. Was the grant recommended and passed after approval by the province of Quebec unemployment relief committee?

Mr. GORDON:

1. The \$2,000 was for construction of sidewalks, sewers and municipal hall.
- 2 and 3. In accordance with the agreement between the Dominion government and the province of Quebec, a memorandum was submitted setting forth the public works and undertakings proposed to be carried on by the municipalities under the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Act, 1930.

The sum of \$2,000 for Ste. Germaine was included in this list which, it is understood, was prepared by the provincial authorities on the recommendation of the provincial unemployment relief committee.

BANK NOTE CIRCULATION

Mr. SPENCER:

1. What was the total of chartered bank notes in circulation on 31st May, 1930?
2. What was the total of chartered bank notes in circulation on 31st May, 1931?
3. What was the total amount of dominion notes in circulation on 31st May, 1930?
4. What was the total amount of dominion notes in circulation on 31st May, 1931?
5. What was the amount of subsidiary coin held by the banks and in circulation as of 31st May, 1930?
6. What was the amount of subsidiary coin held by the banks and in circulation as of 31st May, 1931?

Mr. BENNETT:

1. \$164,710,728.
2. \$123,749,693.
3. \$169,589,259.
4. \$152,250,754.
5. \$31,471,199.
6. \$31,536,969.

STEAMER HIAWATHA

Mr. MARCIL:

1. How many trips are performed by the steamer Hiawatha between Carleton, St. Omer and Dalhousie or Miguasha each week?

2. Is the Hiawatha a faster steamer than the Avonlea?
3. How many passengers is the Hiawatha authorized to carry?
4. Is the steamer Hiawatha provided with safety appliances as required by the law?

Mr. CAHAN:

1. The contract requires a total of 18 trips a week.
2. On May 18, 1931, the inspector of subsidized steamship services inspected the "Hiawatha" and reported that in his opinion she would prove to be a faster boat than the "Avonlea."
3. Five.
4. Yes.

FEDERAL RELIEF—ONTARIO

Mr. SANDERSON:

1. What is the total amount paid out to date by the federal government to the province of Ontario: (a) on account of the one-third payment towards direct relief; (b) on account of the government's contribution of 25 per cent towards public works undertaken by municipalities?
2. What was the total amount authorized to be paid to the province of Ontario on account of the 25 per cent contribution towards public works undertaken by municipalities?

Mr. GORDON:

1. (a) \$489,832.74; (b) \$2,181,401.06.
2. \$2,798,750.

\*RIVIERE DU LOUP STATION—CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. POULIOT:

1. Were any letters sent after August 7, 1930, by any person to any minister of the crown, government official or civil servant relating to the construction of a new station building at Riviere du Loup marked private, personal or confidential after they were received by any such minister of the crown, government official or civil servant?
2. If so, at what dates?
3. By whom was each of said letters signed, to whom was each one addressed and what was the date of each one?

Mr. BENNETT: I think my hon. friend might be willing to withdraw this question; I hardly think it is the kind of question he would desire to press. It is a reflection upon the civil servants and upon members of this house. I am bound to say I know of no such communications, and my colleagues tell me they know of none either. If the hon. gentleman has anything of the kind in mind he might indicate it, but otherwise I think the question might be withdrawn.

Mr. POULIOT: I always like to be agreeable, and I will set a good example for my right hon. friend by agreeing to his request.

Question dropped.