5. The cases of both offenders were dealt with on exactly the same principles. The facts and circumstances bearing on the gravity of the offences and the exercise of clemency in the two cases were very materially different.

6. Answered by No. 5.

PAY OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Was an Order in Council passed in May, 1917, or at any time since, increasing the pay of the Medical Examiners under the Military Service Act?

2. If so, how much did they receive before the passing of the said Order in Council?

3. How much do said Medical Examiners receive at the present time?

4. Is the same rate paid to the said Examiners in all the provinces or in all Military Districts?

5. If not, what is the rate in each province or Military District?

Major General MEWBURN:

1. No Order in Council was passed authorizing an increase in the pay of Military Medical Examiners in May, 1917, nor since.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Military Medical Officers receive the pay and allowances of their rank. Civilian Medical Practitioners employed at mobilization centres under Military Service Act receive pay at: $5 per day of 6 hours to 8 hours; $8 per day of 8 hours or more. If away from their homes on duty, they receive $8 per day irrespective of whether they work 8 hours or not.

4. Yes.

5. Answered by No. 4.

RETURN OF SOLDIERS TO CANADA.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Has any announcement been made by the Military Authorities that from fifteen to twenty-five thousand soldiers would be brought back from Europe to Canada before the month of June?

2. If so, how many of the soldiers to be so returned have been wounded?

3. How many of the said soldiers are unfit for military service?

4. How many Canadian soldiers are in France at the present time?

5. How many Canadian soldiers are in England at the present time?

6. How many Canadian officers are in France at present?

7. How many Canadian officers are in England at present?

Major General MEWBURN.

1. No.

2. Not available.

3. Not available.

4, 5, 6 and 7. It is not in the public interest to give this information.

[Mr. Doherty.]

STEAMER CHAMPLAIN.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Was the service of the steamer Champlain between Rivière Ouelle and Murray Bay in the Province of Quebec, discontinued on or about the 19th of November, 1917?

2. Was the said service resumed on or after the 17th of December, 1917?

3. If so, why was it discontinued, and why was it resumed?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1, 2 and 3. The C.G.S. Champlain was withdrawn for repairs on the 19th November and returned on the 23rd December, 1917. The vessel was replaced by the C.G.S. Bellechasse from the 19th to the 27th November, 1917.

WORK ON THE ST. CHARLES RIVER.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Has work upon the St. Charles River at Quebec been suspended?

2. If so, why?

3. How much has the said work cost to date?

4. If the work has been suspended, will it be resumed at a later date?

5. Have precautions been taken to protect and conserve the work so far completed?

Hon. Mr. CARVELL:

1. Yes.

2. In view of present conditions, it was not considered absolutely necessary that work should proceed.

3. $1,266.93.

4. The resumption of this work will naturally have to be a matter for future consideration.

5. The Chief Engineer is now investigating with a view to determining just what is required.

DRY DOCK AT LAUZON, QUEBEC.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. When will the dry dock at Lauzon, near Quebec, be completed?

2. What is the total cost of said dry dock to date?

Hon. Mr. CARVELL:

1. It is expected that the dock will be completed about August 1st next.

2. $3,077,460.28.

CHARLES DESJARDINS.

*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Was Charles Desjardins, alias Ti-Noir, who is now being tried at Montreal before the Court of King's Bench, ever employed by the Government?

2. If so, in what capacity, and at what salary?

3. Did the Department of Justice, or any of its officers, attempt at any time to secure a change in the amount and conditions of bail fixed by His Lordship Mr. Justice Pelletier in the above matter?