

the grades and quantities, showing the provinces of origin in Canada, the country of destination and the value in grades and classes—was exported from Canada for the year ending in January, 1927?

CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. E. J. GARLAND (Bow River): Has the government arrived at a decision as to whether or not it will introduce at this session a measure for the revision of civil service salaries?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): A decision has not been arrived at as yet. The matter is still under consideration.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

ROSEDALE BRANCH

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Railways and Canals) moved that the House go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to extend the time for two years for the completion of the joint section of the Canadian National railway branch line from Rosedale southwesterly, in the province of Alberta, authorized by chapter 30 of the statutes of 1924.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Motion agreed to.

REFRIGERATOR CARS FOR SEED POTATOES

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Railways and Canals): On Tuesday the hon. member for Prince (Mr. MacLean) asked for certain information respecting the refrigerator car service in Prince Edward Island. I have made inquiries and I find that between the 1st and the 15th of March, 181 refrigerator cars were delivered to the island. There are 30 cars on hand at Cape Tormentine this morning, which will be ferried across to-day. There are 27 cars in transit from Halifax and Moncton for the cape to-day, due to-morrow morning at the island; also 78 cars in transit from Montreal to Riviere du Loup. That makes a total of 135 cars at the cape or in transit, for loading. The railway management is informed that the requirements call for 200 cars, but the 135 cars which are now at the cape or in transit will provide sufficient for at least three days loading, and a further supply will be moved out of Montreal to-morrow.

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LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENT

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. PETER MCGIBBON (Muskoka-Ontario): I have in my hand, Mr. Speaker, a despatch from Washington to the effect that Canada is not going to be asked to the conference on naval armament limitation. I would like to ask the Prime Minister if, in view of our improved national status, he is going to take any action to uphold our dignity in this matter.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): If my hon. friend refers to the same despatch which I have seen, I hardly think it would be proper to express an opinion on a despatch that comes to us from Washington, but which relates to matters of which the government itself has no knowledge. I think we may well wait to see what action may be taken by the United States government before commenting on the despatch.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHERIES—SEAPLANE PROTECTION

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. A. W. NEILL (Comox-Alberni): May I call the attention of the government to the necessity for a prompt decision as to what they are going to do about a seaplane service for the protection of the fisheries of the Pacific coast. I understand that there is an alternative system offered by private service, but unless a decision is made soon it will be too late, because the season is coming on and the protection will soon be required.

RURAL MAIL BOX

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. W. G. McQUARRIE (New Westminster): May I inquire from the Postmaster General (Mr. Veniot) if he has been able to come to a decision in regard to rural mail boxes? As I understand it, there has been some difficulty in deciding on the style of box to be used, and in the meantime routes are being held up because of the want of these boxes. It seems to me a rather awkward situation that should not be allowed to continue.

Hon. P. J. VENIOT (Postmaster General): The establishment of any rural route is not being held up in consequence of the Postmaster General not yet having arrived at a decision as to the style of boxes to be adopted. I have not reached a decision, however, as to the style of boxes, but I expect to within a few days.