

UNOPPOSED AND UNDISCUSSED MOTIONS.

For a copy of all correspondence between the Post Office Department and Edouard Lapointe, of Quebec, concerning locks for mail bags.—Mr. Carvell.

For a return showing what public officers have been appointed in the city of Quebec, in the Departments of Inland Revenue, Post Office, Railways and the Transcontinental, Customs, Immigration, Marine and Fisheries, Public Works and Militia, since the 1st October, 1911, up to this date; together with the names and duties of these persons, the dates of their appointments, the salary paid in each case and the increases granted since; also the date of these increases, and which ones of these officers have passed the Civil Service examinations required for the positions which they occupy, and on what dates they passed such examinations; and also a copy of all correspondence, requests, recommendations and reports relating to the appointment of these officers.—Mr. Lachance.

For a return showing the detail and number of dismissals from public offices in the Department of Marine and Fisheries from December 5, 1912, to this date, in the county of Bonaventure, the names of the dismissed occupants, the reasons for their dismissal, the complaints against such officials, and a copy of all correspondence with respect to the same, and of all reports of investigations, where such were held; as well as a list of the new appointments made by the department, with names, residences, salaries and duties, and a copy of all recommendations of such appointments.—Mr. Marcell.

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Department of Railways and Canals at Moncton and the same department at Campbellton, on the subject of the collision which occurred at St. Moïse, during the month of February, 1913, between the trains of E. Smith and the regular train No. 99, omitting from it the inquiry held in the matter.—Mr. Boulay.

For a return giving the names of the various railway mail clerks employed, respectively, on the Montreal and Quebec divisions and the date of the appointment and residence of each.—Mr. Bureau.

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, &c., exchanged between the Militia Department and Messrs. Archer Macdonald, Elz. Monpetit and others since the 21st September, 1911, respecting all repairs about to be made to the arsenal at Rigaud.—Mr. Boyer.

For a copy of the contract between the Post Office Department and Napoléon LeBlanc, for the carrying of the mails between Carleton Centre and Carleton, Quebec, railway station, and of all correspondence, petitions, and other letters bearing on the cancelling of that contract and the awarding of a new one, with a copy of said new contract.—Mr. Marcell.

STE. VICTOIRE POST OFFICE.

Mr. CARDIN moved:

For a copy of all correspondence telegrams, complaints, affidavits, reports, recommendations, requests, certificates and other documents relating to the dismissal of Mademoiselle Paul Hus, as postmistress of

the parish of Ste. Victoire, county of Richelieu and the appointment of Mr. Paul Bardier, of the same place, as postmaster.

Mr. PELLETIER: I have no objection to the motion, only this lady has not been dismissed, as I understand it. She never was postmistress.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Is she in office yet?

Mr. PELLETIER: She never was there; her father was.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: It is a mistake.

Mr. PELLETIER: I have no objection to my hon. friend amending his motion. I know what he means, but he will not achieve his object through this.

Motion stands.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE OF 1911.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my right hon. friend the Prime Minister (Mr. Borden) to the speech delivered by him on the 7th of April. He made a statement which I did not notice at the time, or my attention was probably called elsewhere; but I could not help noticing it when I read it. It will be found at page 7414 of 'Hansard.' My right hon. friend said:

And that brings me to another consideration—the right hon. gentleman is concerned about the representation of Canada on the Imperial Defence Committee. As I understand it, the right hon. gentleman himself agreed that Canada ought to be represented on the Imperial Defence Committee,—

Which, of course, is very true. (Reading):

—and further than that—although I did not know it until last summer, the matter was kept entirely confidential at the time, for what reasons I do not know—the right hon. gentleman agreed to establish a defence committee in Canada in close co-relation with that Imperial Defence Committee.

That is perfectly true; we agreed to that at the last Imperial conference. (Reading):

No announcement of that kind was made to Parliament by the right hon. gentleman at the time we might have expected the announcement to be made, and it remained for the Colonial Secretary a few weeks ago to make that belated announcement, as the right hon. gentleman had not seen fit to do so.

That is the point to which I desire to draw the attention of my right hon. friend. I do not know what he means when he says that I did not bring that matter to the attention of the House. May I ask him what he refers to?