

The company shall not commence the actual construction of the said subways or tunnels until permitted by the congress of the United States of America. . . .

It is rather odd that the commencement of a tunnel on Canadian territory should be made subject to the permission of the congress of the United States.

Mr. GRAY: I will speak of that.

Mr. BENNETT: However, that is a matter to be dealt with by the Department of External Affairs. The legal phase of the bill and the financial structure will be dealt with by other departments, and by Friday next, when private bills are reached, I am quite certain that the report will be completed.

Progress reported.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CALL LOANS AND COMMERCIAL LOANS

Mr. GIROUARD:

What was the amount of call loans and commercial loans made outside of Canada by the chartered banks of Canada in 1932?

Mr. RHODES: The monthly return of the chartered banks as of December 31, 1932, gives the following totals of loans and deposits outside of Canada: call and short (not exceeding thirty days) loans elsewhere than in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds, and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover, \$91,491,603; other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, \$151,661,262; deposits elsewhere than in Canada, \$328,725,094.

SMELT FISHING

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Did the Department of Fisheries receive a complaint about the alleged illegal smelt fishing on the Quebec side of the Restigouche river in 1933?

2. If so, who made the complaint and what were the allegations?

3. Did the Department of Fisheries send a telegram to J. E. Johnson, fishery officer at Campbellton, New Brunswick, instructing him to stop Quebec fishermen from shipping smelts from New Brunswick points, unless they had a permit from the fishery officer in Quebec?

Mr. DURANLEAU:

1 and 2. The department was informed by W. S. Montgomery, of Dalhousie, N.B., that it was reported that there was an extension of the season on the Quebec side and that the fish were being marketed through Campbellton.

3. A telegram was sent to Inspector J. E. Fournier, of Campbellton, informing him of the above and instructing him to see that no illegal fish were disposed of in his district.

WAR PENSION EXPENDITURE

Mr. SPEAKMAN:

By what sum would our war pension expenditure have been reduced for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1932, had all war disability pensions been paid at the same rating as that applied in the case of privates, non-commissioned officers, warrant officers and lieutenants?

Mr. MacLAREN:

Estimated amount \$125,000.

CIVIL SERVICE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

Mr. MacLEAN:

1. How many persons permanently employed in the civil service of Canada are sixty-five years of age and over?

2. What was the total salary of such employees for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1933?

3. How many of said employees are paying into any one of the several superannuation funds?

4. How many pay into the retirement fund?

5. How many permanent civil servants are sixty years of age but not over sixty-five?

6. What was the total salary of said employees for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1933?

7. How many between the ages of sixty and sixty-five are paying into any one of the several superannuation funds?

8. How many pay into the retirement fund?

Mr. BENNETT: It will require months to prepare the answer to this question. I cannot think that the hon. gentleman realizes the full significance of checking over the age of every employee of the Dominion of Canada. It is a question that will involve the services of many people for months. If it is a matter of aiding unemployment that the hon. gentleman has in mind, it may accomplish something, but the question should stand for the moment until he has had an opportunity of looking into it further.

Mr. MacLEAN: I thought that these tables were all on hand in the department.

Mr. BENNETT: No, they are not all on hand in the department.

Question stands.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

MINISTERS' PRIVATE CARS

Mr. RAYMOND:

1. How many private railway cars are there for the use of ministers?

2. What is the cost of each such car?