

IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD.

Mr. PROULX:

1. Has the Minister of Militia or any member of the Government, or any official of the Militia Department any knowledge or information in regard to the staff of the Imperial Munitions Board copying during the months of November and December, 1917, lists of the names of soldiers' wives and soldiers' dependents which were in the office of the Assigned Pay and Separation Branch of the Department of Militia?

2. If so, who gave instructions for these lists to be handed over to these stenographers and typewriters in the Imperial Munitions Board?

3. Who supplied the money which paid for the staff of the Imperial Munitions Board for copying these lists?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL (for the Minister of Militia):

1. The minister has now been informed that some members of the staff of the Imperial Munitions Board did such copying after office hours, and the lists were made available for the purpose. No public money was paid therefor.

2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

EGG INSPECTORS.

Mr. PROULX:

1. How many Egg Inspectors does the Minister of Agriculture propose appointing?

2. In what newspapers are notices being inserted that all applications should be sent to the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, and that all appointments will be made on the basis of competitive examinations?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. Five.

2. An advertisement has been inserted, according to regulations, in the Canada Gazette and copies distributed to the total of fifteen hundred (1,500) to post offices public libraries, Y. M. C. A. buildings and other public buildings throughout Canada. The advertisement states that all information can be obtained from the Live Stock Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, or from the secretary of the Civil Service Commission, and it further states that the appointments would be made upon the results of a special competitive examination.

PENSION ALLOWANCE TO COL. LABATT.

Mr. PROULX:

1. What pension does Col. R. H. Labatt of the Pension Commissioners draw annually?

2. On what date was this pension granted?

3. Was it before or after Union Government was formed?

4. Does the Board of Pension Commissioners grant a full disability pension to soldiers who have an income from the Government or otherwise of \$2,000?

5. Have all soldiers been granted full disability pension whose disease has been diagnosed as valvular disease of the heart?

6. Is there a case on record in the Office of the Pension Commissioners where a soldier who had an income of \$5,000 was given a full disability pension?

7. Has Col. Labatt any other income except that provided by the Pensions Board?

8. Is Col. Labatt related in any way to any member of the present Government?

9. If so, what are the names of the members to whom he is related?

10. Do any of Col. Labatt's children draw pensions?

11. If so, what are their names, ages and amount of pension each draws?

12. On what date was the pension granted to his children?

Mr. McCURDY:

1. \$1,890 per annum, plus allowances amounting to, in all, \$240 per annum for his two children aged 13 and 15.

2. October 16, 1917.

3. Pensions are not granted by the Government, and the granting of pension in any particular case does not in any way come before the Government. This pension, as all others, was granted by the board constituted for the purpose. The present Union Government was formed on October 12, 1917.

4. The income of the person entitled to a pension is not considered in determining the award.

5. In all such cases pension award is made in strict accordance with the Pension Regulations as approved by Parliament.

6. Yes.

7. No information.

8 and 9. No. But he is connected by marriage with Major-General the Honourable S. C. Mewburn and the Honourable J. D. Reid.

10 and 11. Answered by No. 1.

12. Answered by No. 2.

MANUFACTURE OF OLEOMARGARINE.

Mr. PROULX:

1. What are the names of the 15 companies who made application to the Government for license for the manufacture of oleomargarine?

2. On what grounds were all except the Harris Abattoir Company and the Swift Canadian Company refused license?

3. Did the Government inquiry, of which Mr. George Henderson of Ottawa was Commissioner ascertain what percentage of stock Sir Joseph Flavelle held in the Harris Abattoir Company?

4. If so, what was the percentage?

5. Who are the owners and shareholders of the Swift Canadian Company, Ltd.?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. P. Burns & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta.; W. J. Bellingham, 376 Claremount Ave., Westmount, Que.; Canada Maple Exchange, 22 Vallee St., Montreal; Household Products Co., 2230 Chateaubriand Ave., Montreal; W. P. Downey, 88 Grey Nun St.,