

3. Salary, \$3,200. His duties are to purchase supplies for all the Canadian penitentiaries. Major Dillon is also acting as supply officer for the internment operations and receives for his services as such, under an order in council, the pay attached to the rank of captain in the Canadian militia.

4. As an officer of the Outside Service, he is not subject to examination by the Civil Service Commission.

THE BOAT WILFRID C.

Mr. COPP:

1. Has the boat Wilfrid C. been purchased by the Government?

2. If so, from whom was said boat purchased, when was said purchase made, and what was paid?

3. If said purchase has been made, what use is to be made of said boat by the Government?

4. Has the Government purchased provisions for said boat?

5. If so, from whom were said provisions purchased, and of what do they consist?

Mr. HAZEN:

Yes.

The Shepody Navigation Company, Limited, 21st July, 1917; \$7,000.

Used in connection with the naval defence of Halifax harbour.

It will probably be necessary to purchase a small quantity of provisions for the use of the crew of this vessel on the voyage from Moncton to Halifax. As the vessel was only purchased a few days ago, sufficient time has not elapsed for a report on the subject to be received in the department. Any such transactions will be of small value, however, as the victualling will be done through the usual channels once the ship reaches Halifax.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Mr. WALLACE:

1. How many officers have been "Mentioned in Despatches" who have not left Canada?

2. What are the names of such officers?

3. By whom were such officers recommended?

4. Is the term, "Mentioned in Despatches", used exclusively for valour on the field of battle, or is it also used for those performing office work or other duties in Canada?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. None.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Answered by No. 1.

4. The term "Mentioned in Despatches" is reserved for service in the field.

J. P. JAFFRAY.

Mr. PROULX:

1. What position is filled by one J. P. Jaffray, former editor of the Galt Reporter, in the Department of the Interior?

[Mr. Doherty.]

2. Where is he stationed and what are his duties?

3. Is the Government aware as to whether or not this man is engaged in writing political articles as well as performing his other duties?

4. If not, will the Government make an inquiry?

Mr. ROCHE:

1. Canadian Government immigration agent.

2. Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A. Encouraging immigration to Canada of farmers, farm labourers and female domestic servants and examining ocean port arrivals at Philadelphia destined to Canada.

3. No information on this point.

4. Yes.

CANADIAN ARMY BOOTS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. W. M. GERMAN: I desire to call the attention of the Government to an extract from the London Times of June 24th, published in the Winnipeg Evening Tribune of Friday last, as I think it is in the public interest for me to do so. The extract reads:

Remarkable allegations of the waste of public money were made at the Stratford Police Court yesterday, when a dealer named Samuel Schneiderman, of Broadway, Barking, was summoned for being in possession of thirteen pairs of Canadian military boots.

On June 5, Sergeant Mitchell of the Canadian military police, went to defendant's premises and saw a number of boots bearing the stamp of the Canadian military authorities, but not the condemnation stamp. The police were called in, and defendant said he bought them with others from a Mr. Jacobs, Sandy Row, London. Mr. Jacobs was seen. He said he had sold boots to defendant, and they were part of large quantities bought from Government auctioneers.

For the defence, Jacobs yesterday said he bought thousands of pairs of boots through Bacon's auctioneers to the Government. Those produced were part of consignments obtained in this way. He paid sometimes as little as 7d. a pair for boots, sometimes as much as 2s. Those produced he bought at 1s. 4d.

The Chairman: No wonder the expenditure of the country goes up.

The Bench dismissed the case, but stated that, in view of the evidence it was a matter that the authorities should go into.

Now the matter has been brought to their attention, will the Government have this glaring case of extravagance investigated?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: A despatch somewhat similar to this was sent out to Canada and published in the Canadian press early in June. When I saw it, I cabled to the proper officials in London to ascertain the facts. The reply I received was that these were worn-out boots that were of no use for military purposes.