

ICE-BREAKERS IN ST. LAWRENCE.

Mr. DELISLE:

1. Is the Government aware that there is an insufficient number of ice-breakers operating in the St. Lawrence?
2. If so, does the Government propose to order the construction of new ice-breakers, how many, and of what type?
3. If the Government has not been made aware of such a condition, is it the intention to order the construction of one or several of such ice-breakers?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. The only ice-breaker operating in the St. Lawrence river at present is the C.G.S. "Lady Grey."
2. Under consideration.
3. Under consideration.

DR. MICHEL FISET.

Mr. LAVIGUEUR:

1. In what capacity is Dr. Michel Fiset employed as a public officer?
2. When and by whom was he appointed in his present public charge?
3. Has he submitted a report to the Government? If so, when, and to whom?
4. Has he an office in Quebec City? If so, where is it located?
5. What pay or salary does the said Dr. Michel Fiset receive?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. Parcel post supervisor.
2. Appointed by Order in Council, dated April 18, 1914.
3. Not to the knowledge of the department.
4. No office supplied by this department.
5. \$2,800 a year.

RIVER BATISCAN BRIDGE.

Mr. DESAULNIERS:

1. Referring to an Order of the House issued on the 12th of May, 1919, for a copy of all reports, letters, memoranda, telegrams, plans and estimates and relating to the construction of a bridge on the River Batiscan, in the parish of St. Francis Xavier de Batiscan, in the county of Champlain, has the request contained in said Order of the House been carried out? If not, why?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to lay the said papers on the table of the House in the early part of the present session?

Hon. J. D. REID:

1. When an Order of the House was issued on May 12, 1919, there were no reports, letters, etc., on file relating to the construction of a bridge on the River Batiscan, and notification was given the Secretary of State to that effect, but since that date, plans have been submitted and there has been some correspondence.
2. Yes, when application is made.

THE ELECTORAL ATLAS.

Mr. HOCKEN:

1. What was the cost of the mechanical work, including the paper used, in the publication of "The Electoral Atlas of the Dominion of Canada"?
2. What was the total cost of the work?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. Cost of 4,000 copies, part bound and part in sheets: Lithographic work, \$11,-026.43; press work, \$2,000; binding, \$2,-127.02; paper stock, \$3,744.
2. Grand total cost, \$18,897.45.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Mr. HOCKEN:

1. How many employees are there in the Inside Service of the Customs Department?
2. How many are males?
3. How many are females?
4. How many males are French?
5. How many females are French?
6. How many males are Protestants?
7. How many females are Protestants?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

	Customs Service	Inland Revenue Service	Total
1.	226	37	263
2.	213	28	241
3.	13	9	22
4.	29	15	44
5.	1	1	2
6.	142	9	151
7.	11	3	14

Mr. BUREAU: Will the minister permit me a further question? With regard to the answers to questions 4 and 5, have these people been naturalized?

Mr. BURRELL: I will have to find that out. Perhaps my hon. friend had better put that further question on the Order Paper.

STE-FAMILLE WHARF.

Mr. LAVIGUEUR:

1. Has the contract been awarded for the repairs of Ste-Famille wharf at the Island of Orleans, Quebec, in accordance with the tenders advertised for in the month of October, 1919, and is such contract based upon the estimates of cost which were voted by this House?
2. If so, to whom was the contract awarded, and for what amount?
3. Are the repairs under construction? If not, when will they be started, and for what reason have they been delayed?

Hon. J. D. REID:

- 1 and 2. No.
3. No; tenders were called for, prices submitted considered too high. Matter is now under consideration.

ST.-JEAN WHARF.

Mr. LAVIGUEUR:

1. Have contractors Methot and Thibault, of Montmagny, Quebec, started work upon the re-