

9. Have the mines of the Rail and River Coal Company been idle during certain periods of the years 1929 and 1930? If so, what dates in each of said years?

10. What was the cost to the Canadian National Railways per month to maintain said mines during the periods of idleness in the years 1929 and 1930?

11. What was the cost to the Canadian National Railways in the years 1929 and 1930, to keep the Rail and River Coal Company operating, stating the particulars?

12. What is the policy of the Canadian National Railways with regard to its coal areas in the United States?

13. What did it cost the Canadian National Railways on cars at pit-mouth to produce the quantity of coal mined by the Rail and River Coal Company during the calendar year 1930?

14. In estimating cost of coal so mined, what amount, outside of mine labour, by way of interest on investment in the mines, depreciation, exhaustion of minerals, taxes, superintendence, general overhead, etc., was included in said cost?

15. What was the cost per ton for rail transport of said coal from Canadian National Railways United States mines to divisional points in Canada where such coal was used by the Canadian National Railways?

*Mr. Boulanger*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Was Mr. Robert Cote, advocate of Quebec, appointed commisisoner to investigate charges of political partisanship against postmasters?

2. If so, what is his remuneration?

3. When and where in the county of Bellechasse has Mr. Cote held inquiries?

4. Was the said Robert Cote a Conservative candidate in the county of Bellechasse in the provincial election of May, 1927?

*Mr. Roberge*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. What quantity of butter was imported to Canada from August 1, 1930, to March 1, 1931?

2. What countries have imported butter from Canada during the same period?

3. What quantity for each country?

4. What duty was levied on each country per pound of butter?

*Mr. Boulanger*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Was Adelard Dallaire dismissed as postmaster at St. Raphael de Bellechasse for so-called political partisanship?

2. Was he replaced by F. Antoine Labrecque?

3. Was said Labrecque appointed by the Civil Service Commission after making application and passing examination, etc.?

4. Were there other candidates for the position, and who were they?

*Mr. Boulanger*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Has the establishment of a rural mail service from the post office of Honfleur, in the county of Bellechasse, been decided?

2. If so, what was the date of said decision?

3. Were tenders called for said service?

4. At what date were the tenders opened?

5. Who was the lowest tenderer?

6. Was a contract given to the lowest tenderer?

7. If not, why?

8. Is this rural mail service now in operation?

9. If not, why?