

3. Are all the telegraph poles purchased in the county of Victoria during the above years paid for?

4. When were such poles ordered by the department, what are the names of the persons or parties who were authorized to buy these poles, the names of persons from whom they were purchased, and prices paid to such persons?

5. Who was the paymaster of the department in connection with the above work and procuring of said poles?

Mr. ROGERS:

1. Yes, line built from Little Narrows to within four miles of Washabuck Centre in 1912, completed in 1914. Poles for the above were purchased from Neil P. McLean, 153; from John D. McRitchie, 110, and from Murdoch McAskill, 165, at seventy-five cents each. In 1915, seven miles of loop line from South Gut to Munroes Point, and four miles extension from Washabuck Centre to Grass Pond.

2. Yes, for the above eleven miles and for repairs from N. McAuley, 150; J. Morrison, 160; D. D. McLeod, 90; A. W. McNeil, 120; and from N. A. McNeil, 186, at \$1 each.

3. Yes.

4. The above seven hundred and six poles were ordered by the late J. G. Dunlop, general line repairer, without any authority from headquarters.

5. Work of construction paid for in 1914 by D. C. Dawson, district superintendent, and in 1915 by C. W. McKee, acting district superintendent. Poles were paid for by cheque from the department.

#### I.C.R. SLEEPERS.

Mr. BELLEMARE:

1. Did Messrs. Stewart and Culligan receive a contract or an order from the Government to supply sleepers for the Intercolonial railway?

2. If so, what prices were paid to these gentlemen for Nos. 1, 2 and 3?

Mr. REID:

1. Yes.

2. No. 1, 44 cents; No. 2, 36 cents; No. 3, 24 cents.

#### GOVERNMENT RAILWAY DIVISIONS.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Have any orders been given for the management of the various divisions of the Canadian Government railways or the creation of a new division or divisions?

2. If so, what are the changes made in that respect?

Mr. REID:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

#### RIVER JOHN CUSTOMS.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Who is the sub-collector of customs at River John, Pictou county?

2. When was he appointed?

Mr. REID:

1. Charles T. Gammon is acting sub-collector of customs at River John, Pictou county.

2. He was employed August 1, 1915.

#### RURAL MAIL, PICTOU.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. How many rural mail services have been established in the county of Pictou during the years 1914 and 1915?

2. What was the extra cost of those services in each year respectively, and the services previously given in the districts served?

3. How many post offices have been closed as the result of the new rural services, and what are the names of such offices?

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Rural mail service established in 1914, 1; in 1915, 13.

2. Extra cost of service established in 1914, nil; in 1915, \$4,022.74.

3. Number of post offices closed, 25: Abercrombie, Abercrombie Pier, Central West River, Churchville, Cross Roads, Roger's Hill, Elmfield, Granton, Green Hill, Heathbell, Hedgeville, Iron Rock, Island East River, Lime Rock, Loch Broom, Lovat, Lower Barneys River, Mountain Road, Mount William, Pleasant Valley, Ponds, St. Paul's, Silvester, Upper Elmfield, Upper Scotsburn, Welsford.

#### PICTOU TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION.

Mr. MACDONALD:

Is it the intention of the Government to provide telephonic communication between Pictou Island and the mainland?

Mr. ROGERS: No steps are being taken to provide telephone communication between the island and the mainland.

#### PICTOU ISLAND LIFE BOAT.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has any request been made to the Department of Marine as to changing the site of the life-boat station at Pictou Island?

2. Is it the intention of the department to make a change in said site? If so, to what point?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. No.

2. No.

#### BIG ISLAND MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Have any petitions or requests been received by the department relative to giving