

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. N. LeBlanc.
2. \$359 per annum under contract expiring 31st December, 1921.
3. Ex-Contractor Landry refused to continue the service unless granted an increase in his rate of payment. Tenders were invited in October, 1917, and a contract, dating from 24th January, 1918, awarded to N. LeBlanc, the lowest tenderer.

CANADA REGISTRATION ACT.

Mr. TOBIN:

1. How many persons were registered under the Canada Registration Act?
2. What is the total cost to date of said registration?
3. Are any claims yet unpaid?
4. What is the total amount of same?
5. When may the claimants expect payment?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. 5,245,606.
2. \$631,230.89 including cost of compilation.
3. Yes.
4. About \$15,000.
5. When the claimants have complied with the regulations, and submit necessary vouchers in support of their claims.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Mr. KAY:

1. What has been the total cost to the country of the Department of Public Information from its inception to the end of 1918?
2. How many employees are at present in the Department?
3. What is the present total cost of the department per month?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to continue the operations of this department?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. Total \$81,414.84.
2. 25.
3. \$4,400 per month exclusive of cost of printing and cables, which varies from month to month. At the present time these expenses paid by the department are running about \$7,400 per month.
4. The matter is under the consideration of the Government, and an announcement will be made in due course.

Mr. PROULX:

1. What is the total cost from March 31, 1917, to March 31, 1918, of the Department of Public Information?
2. How many persons were employed in this Department on March 1, 1919?
3. How many branches of work are being undertaken by this department?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. The total cost of the Department of Public Information from its inception to March 31, 1918, was approximately \$18,000.

[Mr. Marcil.]

2. 25.

3. Two branches, one comprising press publicity and related subjects; the other platform publicity and subjects related thereto.

CANADA REGISTRATION BOARD.

Mr. KAY:

1. Is the Canada Registration Board still in existence? If so, how many employees has it and what is the monthly cost to the country?
2. What was the total cost of registering the men and women of Canada in the summer of 1918?
3. What practical use has been made of the information secured by this registration?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. No, the services of the last employee were dispensed with February 12, 1919.

2. \$491,900.44.

3. (a) Approximately 107,000 volunteers for agricultural work were secured, and names and addresses given to provincial authorities, who drew largely from this supply;

(b) A complete list of the names and addresses of French, Belgian and Italian citizens in Canada of military age was prepared, at the request of the Consuls-General, for recruiting purposes on completion of the conventions between these countries and Canada, which were in process of negotiation.

(c) The names and addresses of approximately 66,000 Russians in Canada were on application furnished to the Department of Justice.

(d) A complete tabulation, by ages, was made, showing all men physically fit, of every nationality; thereby providing accurate information as to available man-power for military purposes for use had the war continued and further drafts been necessary.

(e) Various other tables of important information gathered from the registration statistics showing the number of male persons, British born, British naturalized and of alien birth or naturalization, by constituencies, have been tabulated and will appear in the board's printed report.

(f) Tabulated information respecting the number of workmen available and skilled in various trades, to enable the best possible distribution of labour, would have been prepared had the Armistice not intervened, thereby rendering the expense of compiling this information unnecessary.

CANADIAN DAILY RECORD.

Mr. VIEN:

1. Is the Canadian Daily Record still published and distributed?