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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Mr. LEMIEUX:

What are the names of the ministers composing the Canadian delegation to the Washington Conference?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The ministers composing the Canadian delegation to the Washington conference were Sir Thomas White and myself.

EMPLOYMENT OF RETURNED SOLDIERS.

*Mr. LEMIEUX:

How many returned soldiers have been given employment in the various departments of the Government?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I think that this question was passed as an Order for return last week. If I am correct, I would ask that the question be dropped.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question will go as an Order for a return.

PALMERSTON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Mr. TURRIFF:

1. Is any amount being expended as extras on the new post office building being erected in Palmerston, Ont.?

2. If so, what is the amount?

3. Has it been decided to make the tower ten feet higher than the original specification?

Mr. REID:

1. Yes.

2. \$4,850.

3. Yes.

JUDGE SPOTTEN.

Mr. TURRIFF:

1. Is Judge Spotten, of Harriston, Ont., still actively connected with manufacturing interests?

2. Is the Government aware, as alleged, he still takes an active part in Conservative affairs in Wellington county?

Mr. DOHERTY:

1. Not to the knowledge of this department.

2. No.

LT.-COL. C. D. SPITTAL.

*Mr. DEVLIN:

1. Is Lieutenant-Colonel C. D. Spittal in the employ of the Government?

2. If not, was he in the employ of the Government?

3. Did he resign or was he dismissed from office?

4. Is the said C. D. Spittal under the control of the Canadian authorities or of the Imperial authorities?

5. Why was the said C. D. Spittal recalled from England?

6. Is it the intention of the Government to employ the said C. D. Spittal in any military capacity?

Mr. PATENAUE:

1. No.

2. Yes, until January 19, 1917.

3. Militia and Defence—He was struck off the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force as no further employment existed for him in Canada or overseas, and his services were, therefore, not required.

Customs—His services were dispensed with for failing to resume his customs duties at the port of Ottawa.

4. Lt.-Colonel Spittal is under the control of the Canadian authorities.

5. Lt.-Colonel Spittal was found guilty by a general court martial held in England on December 9, 1915, on a charge of having disobeyed a lawful command given by his superior officer, and sentenced to be reprimanded. As a result of this, he was returned to Canada on March 25, 1916.

6. No.

DEFALCATION OF BURGESS.

Mr. DEVLIN:

1. Is there an agent named Burgess in the employ of the Government at Fort William, in connection with the grain elevator work?

2. If not, was there such a man in the Government's employ in any capacity?

3. If Burgess was in the employ of the Government, did he make returns for all moneys received by him to be paid over to the Government?

4. Is it a fact, as alleged, that the said Burgess has at the present moment, a sum of \$125,000 or thereabouts of Government money in his possession, which the Government has been unable to obtain from him?

5. If so, what steps have the Government taken to bring the said Burgess to justice?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER:

1. No.

2. Yes.

3. No.

4. Burgess forged the endorsement on cheques payable to the Dominion Government elevator and obtained the cash therefor from certain banks.

5. Every effort has been made to apprehend Burgess without success thus far. Legal actions have been instituted against the banks for the recovery of the money.

AVIATION CAMP.

*Mr. CARVELL:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to establish an Aviation Camp at Isle of Orleans, near Quebec?

2. Has any land been offered to the Government for such purpose?

3. If so, by whom?