

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, August 9, 1911.

Presentation of Petitions.

Reading of Petitions.

Reports of Committees.

Notices of Inquiries and Motions.

For Tuesday, May 23, 1911.

No. 1.

By the Honourable Mr. Landry:—

May 19—1. How much (in connection with the fishery bounties) have the following fishermen, of the County of Gaspé: Alfred Cote, Junior, Joachim Noel, Arthur Bernier, Jos. Blouin, individually received in 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910?

2. If the amounts received each year are different, how can this difference be explained?

No. 2.

By the Honourable Mr. Landry:—

May 12—In 1897, one Lionel G. Bennet, of the City of Halifax, son of Dr. J. Gordon Bennet, of the same city, was one of the cadets at the Royal Military College, Kingston, of which Lt.-Col. Gerald Kitson was then commanding officer.

2. Lionel G. Bennett was also an applicant for one of the commissions offered in the English Army to the first graduates of the College, desiring to enter into that career?

3. The said Cadet took his degrees at the College and applied for an Imperial Commission?

4. The answer was first given to him that two other graduates had precedence over him and then (these two graduates having given up their claim to a commission in the English Army), that the report of the Commanding Officer of the College having been unfavourable to Cadet Bennet the Minister of Militia was unable to grant the requested recommendations in his favour.

5. A most instructive correspondence was then exchanged among all interested parties most likely to throw a vivid light on methods which it is better not to describe but upon which it is important to call public attention.

6. Thus, on July 24th, 1897, the commanding officer of the Military College at Kingston wrote to Cadet Bennet's father, among other things, the following:—

“Your son's conduct has been satisfactory, though he has not worked as hard as he might have done. He is a fine, manly fellow, and where hard work in the open air is required he would be sure to succeed. You will understand that in refusing your son the recommendation I am acting in accordance with the wishes of the Minister

(Sgd) “GERALD KITSON,
“Lt.-Colonel.”

7. On the other hand, the Minister, on August 6, 1897, wrote to Dr. Bennet:—
“DEAR SIR,—I have received your several communications referring to the Royal Military College, and am having the matter looked into. In view, however, of paragraph 134 of the regulations of the college, viz:—