

the North Atlantic Trading Company. In the case of settlers from Galicia, Buckowinia and Poland, excepting Germans, the payment is limited to 5,000 persons per year.

c. On persons coming from Iceland, a payment of £1 per ticket and 10 shillings per half ticket is made to steamship companies on the understanding that the price of the immigrant's ticket is reduced by that amount.

d. A bonus is paid to subagents in the United States on agriculturists sent to Canada, of \$3 on adult males, \$2 on adult females and \$1 on children under 18 years of age.

3. The cheques for bonuses were made payable:

a. To the head offices of the different steamship companies and in the case of philanthropic societies to their head office.

b. To the North Atlantic Trading Company.

c. To the head offices of the different steamship companies.

d. To the individual subagents sending immigrants to Canada.

4. The decision as to whom payments are to be made rests with and all such payments are regulated at the head office of the Immigration Department, Ottawa.

5. No.

6. As stated in answer to question 3. Paid by the department direct in case of United States agents and North Atlantic Trading Company, and through London Office in case of British booking-agents.

7. The amounts of money disbursed by the High Commissioner for Canada and W. T. R. Preston out of letters of credit issued in their favour based on estimates submitted and approved by the department during the following fiscal years were:

1902-03	\$187,731 67
1903-04	221,402 23
1904-05	173,367 10

8. During 1903-04 and 1904-05 Messrs. S. Glück and N. E. Kohan of Amsterdam, Holland, were manager and secretary respectively of the North Atlantic Trading Company, the names of the other members of the company are not known to the government.

9. The North Atlantic Trading Company is a body corporate, engaged in active emigration work in various European countries.

MR. HIRAM KEECH, TAMWORTH, ONTARIO.

Mr. INGRAM asked:

1. Is Mr. Hiram Keech, formerly of the village of Tamworth, in the county of Lennox and Addington, an employee of the Dominion government?

2. If so, what is the date of his appointment?

3. What are the duties of the said Mr. Hiram Keech?

4. What is his salary, and does he receive travelling expenses as well?

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5. By whom was he recommended for such appointment?

Hon. CHARLES FITZPATRICK (Minister of Justice):

1. Yes. Temporarily.

2. February 1, 1906.

3. Cordage sales agent.

4. (a) \$100 per month. (b) Yes.

5. Inspectors of penitentiaries.

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Mr. ARMSTRONG asked:

1. Has the government under consideration the establishment of a fast Atlantic steamship service?

2. If so, when do they expect to make a report regarding same?

3. Is it the intention of the government to advertise for tenders to establish a fast Atlantic steamship service? If so, when will the tenders be opened?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). The government has passed a mail service contract which will be laid on the table of the House at an early date.

MAIL MATTER SHIPPED THROUGH CANADIAN AND AMERICAN PORTS.

Mr. ARMSTRONG asked:

1. How many pounds of Canadian mail was shipped from American ports in the year 1905?

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Hon. A. B. AYLESWORTH (Postmaster General):

1. The only record in the Post Office Department of the weight of mailable matter sent to, or received from, places over-sea is a record which shows the weight of such matter (exclusive of parcel post packages) despatched to the United Kingdom each month by way of Canadian ports and by way of United States ports.

2. In the year 1905 the weight of Canadian mailable matter shipped to the United Kingdom through United States ports was 786,497 lbs. and through Canadian ports 131,297 lbs.

3 and 4. The Post Office Department has no record of the weight of mailable matter received through Canadian or United States ports in any year.

MANITOBA BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE asked:

1. Has the conference been held between the governments of Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan, and the Dominion government, in reference to the extension of the boundaries of the province of Manitoba, which the premier stated during the session of 1905 he would be