

Mr. STEWART

Mr. DESAULNIERS:

1. Was a Mr. Stewart employed by the Government during the years 1918 and 1919 for the purpose of enforcing the Military Service Act in the county of North York and elsewhere in Ontario?

2. Did he carry on his operations in Clarksburg, Ontario, and its vicinity and in Orillia?

3. By whom was the said Mr. Stewart paid and on what basis, a percentage of fines or salary?

4. Were the fines collected under the Military Service Act received by any one else than the Receiver General?

5. Is it the intention of the Government to reimburse any amount unlawfully collected and irregularly paid by any person in Canada under the provisions of the Military Service Act?

6. If so, what methods or means should be adopted by the injured party?

Right Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: An answer to this question has been furnished to me, but I think there is an error in it. I shall make inquiry, and give an answer later.

Question stands.

JUDGE SNIDER'S REPORT

\*Mr. BROUILLARD:

1. Has Judge Snider made any report in connection with the inquiry into the destruction of government property at the Printing Bureau?

2. If so, what is the date of the said report, what action has been taken thereon, and when will the report be laid on the table of the House?

3. When will Judge Snider finish his inquiry?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I find on inquiry that a report, I believe it is an interim report, has been received and is being submitted to the Governor General.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY SECTION MEN

Mr. GAUVREAU:

1. Is it true that one section man has been dismissed from all or many of the different sections upon the Intercolonial railway?

2. If so, why has this been done at this season of the year?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. Yes.

2. The reduction in forces was put into effect in order to reduce operating expenses.

ST. LAWRENCE CHANNEL DREDGING

Mr. CARDIN:

1. How many dredges will be employed, during the coming season of navigation, on the deepening of the St. Lawrence channel, between Quebec and Montreal?

2. Are these dredges ready for the work?

[Mr. Meighen.]

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Three.

2. They will be ready to be placed in commission on the date on which operations usually commence.

SHIPYARDS AT SOREL

Mr. CARDIN:

1. Has the management of government shipyards at Sorel been authorized to tender, during 1919 and 1920, with a view to securing contracts for the building or repairing of ships?

2. Were said tenders called for by the Government, private individuals or companies?

3. What was the character of the work?

4. What prices were submitted by the various tenderers, including the Government?

5. To whom were the contracts let and at what figures?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. Yes.

2. The Government.

3. Repairs to C.G.S. Montcalm.

4. Prices were as follows: Sorel Shipyards, Sorel, P.Q., \$37,500; the McKay Boiler Works, Montreal, P.Q., \$48,500; Canadian Vickers, Limited, Montreal, P.Q., \$54,142; Lauzon Engineering, Limited, Lévis, P.Q., \$47,900; Alex. McKay & Company, Limited, Quebec, P.Q., \$58,000.

5. The Government Shipyard, Sorel, P.Q., \$37,500.

INCOME TAX—SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. MYERS:

1. What was the total amount of income taxes collected for the years 1917 and 1918 in the province of Saskatchewan?

2. What was the total cost of collecting the said taxes during the years 1917 and 1918 in the province of Saskatchewan?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. Amount collected under Income War Tax Act, 1917, up to December 31, 1920, on income realized in the province of Saskatchewan during calendar year 1917, \$502,584.68; during calendar year 1918, \$611,656.

2. As the Income War Tax Act, 1917, was assented to only on September 20, 1917, no taxes were collected under that Act during fiscal years 1917 and 1918, therefore no expenses were incurred during said years. As to the succeeding years, as the income and business profits taxes are collected by the same staffs, no apportionment of the cost of collection as between one tax and the other is made. An answer to the question would also necessitate a proportioning of head office expenses over the several provinces.