

and documents exchanged between the Minister of Justice and his department and their representative in Montreal, in connection with obtaining the release on bail, and arranging bail in security for one Charles, alias Ti-Noir Desjardins, been complied with?

2. If not, why?

3. Is it the intention of the Government to deposit before the House these documents at an early date this session?

Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The order referred to in this question was laid on the table of the House a few days ago.

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELLCOE.

Mr. BELAND:

1. Has the Canadian Government been informed of the early visit of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe to this country?

2. If so, is the visit official?

3. Whether official or unofficial, will one of the objects be the question of the Naval Defence, Canadian or Imperial?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL: Yes.

SALE OF TRAWLERS.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. Were the seven trawlers reported to have been recently sold in Halifax the property of the Government or of any department thereof?

2. If so, to whom were they sold?

3. What was the price obtained?

4. Were tenders asked for by public advertisement?

5. Were they sold to the lowest tenderer?

6. What was the initial cost of these vessels?

7. How much was expended in repairing these vessels while owned by the department?

Hon. Mr. MACLEAN:

1 and 2. Seven vessels owned by the Department of the Naval Service and known as P.V. Nos. 1 to 7 were recently sold to Messrs. Hayes & Anderton, 50 Broad St., New York, N.Y.

3. \$40,000 each for 6, \$30,000 for 1; total \$270,000.

4. Yes.

5. No. As the offers received were too low they were rejected. By negotiations the department obtained the above quoted prices from the firm indicated who were one of the original tenderers.

6. \$704,955.51.

7. \$134,917.22 for alterations to fit them for service conditions. \$64,359.60, repairs.

DEEP BROOK POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. What is the name of the postmaster at Deep Brook, Annapolis County, N.S.?

2. What is the name of the assistant postmaster, and if there is more than one assistant, what is the name of each?

3. Have all the parties acting as assistants been duly appointed, and have they complied with the post office regulations?

4. Have any of the following parties been sworn as assistants, namely: George Litmars, Miss Adams, Henry Sales, Vera Litmars, Harry Vroom?

5. If so, what are names of such as have been duly appointed and sworn?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. James R. Ditmars.

2. The Post Office Department does not appoint assistant postmasters, except in the case of city post offices, and has, therefore, no record of the names of assistant postmasters in rural post offices, such employees being appointed by the postmasters themselves, and paid by them.

3, 4 and 5. Answered by No. 2.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

Mr. STEVENS:

1. How many Chinese students have been given free entry to Canada through the ports of the Pacific Coast during the years 1917, 1918?

2. What is the definition of a student under the regulations of the Immigration Act?

3. Has the Government been advised, or is it aware that large numbers of Chinese are entering Canada as students who are not bona fide students?

4. Has the Government recently received any requests from representatives of the Chinese Government in Canada or from other sources to enter into such arrangement with the Chinese Government as will result in voluntarily restricting Chinese emigration to Canada?

Hon. Mr. CALDER:

1. 1917, one; 1918, three.

2. The definition of "student" under the Chinese Immigration Act is as follows: "Students coming to Canada for the purpose of securing a higher education in any Canadian college or university or other educational institution approved by the minister."

3. It has recently come to the notice of the Government that a number of Chinese, who entered Canada within recent months, declaring themselves to be students, are not now attending school. These Chinese were not admitted as exempt from the head tax, but paid the head tax, declaring at the same time that they would attend school in Canada.

4. No.

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. What has been the number of homestead entries made each year in Canada since 1896?