

House of Commons Debates

THIRD SESSION—NINTH PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 153) to incorporate the Montreal Savings Bank.—Mr. Bickerdike.

Bill (No. 154) to incorporate the Niagara, Queenston and St. Catharines Railway Company.—Mr. German—by Mr. Logan.

EXCHEQUER COURT—RAILWAY-DEBTS

Mr. L. P. DEMERS (St. Johns and Iberville)—(translation)—moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 155), respecting the jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court as to Railway debts. He said: Mr. Speaker, the Act of 1899 already allows the Exchequer Court to order the sale of a railway, at the request of a mortgagor or of a holder of debentures. The Bill which I submit to the consideration of the House has for its object to allow the Court of Exchequer to order that a railway be sold, on a petition from the Minister of Railways or from a creditor not protected by mortgage, when the railway company has become insolvent or is no longer in a position to manage its own affairs.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS.

IMMIGRANTS REFUSED ADMISSION.

Mr. WILSON asked:

1. How many immigrants have been refused admission into the Dominion of Canada, and for what causes or reason, for the years 1901 and 1902; and up to 1st of April, 1903?

2. How many immigrants have been deported to the country from which they came, and at whose expense, and for what cause?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir Wm. Mulock):

1. In the year 1901-2, 193 immigrants were refused admission into Canada on the ground that they were paupers who might become a public charge if allowed to re-

main in Canada, or because of their being afflicted with loathsome, dangerous or infectious diseases; and for such reasons 193 were deported at the expense of the steamship company on whose ships they had been brought to Canada.

2. For the period from 1st July, 1902, to 1st April, 1903, 147 immigrants were for like reasons refused admission to Canada, and were deported at the like expense of the steamship company, and for like reasons.

INDIAN MEDICAL ATTENDANT, KING'S, N.B.

Mr. FOWLER asked:

Who is the medical attendant to the Indians in the county of King's N.B.? When was he appointed, and on whose recommendation? What salary does he receive, and upon what basis was the amount of salary computed? How many Indians are there in said county?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir Wm. Mulock):

1. Duncan H. McAllister is the medical attendant for the Indians of King's county, N.B.

2. He was appointed on the 31st May, 1900.

3. He receives a salary of \$200 per annum, which covers the cost of medicines prescribed, and was computed on the average cost of attendance for the three years previous to his appointment.

4. The Indians of the county number 59.

SASKATCHEWAN LAND COMPANY.

Mr. BENNETT asked:

1. Have any lands been sold by the government of Canada to the Saskatchewan Land Company? If any, what is the extent of the acreage of lands sold and where situated?

2. If any sold, what was the price per acre?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir Wm. Mulock). The information asked in this question will appear in the return which was ordered by the House on Monday last.

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. When will that be down?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. In a few days, I suppose.

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