

**TOTAL LIABILITY OF CANADIAN
NORTHERN.**

Mr. PAPINEAU:

What was the total liability of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, including also the liability of the Equipment Company of the Canadian Northern, the 31st of December, 1919?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The total indebtedness of the Canadian Northern Railway as of December 31, 1919, including funded debt, equipment securities, land securities, advances made by the Dominion Government, and all other liabilities outstanding was \$566,097,468.10.

ST. THEODORE D'ACTON POST OFFICE.

Mr. MARCILE (Bagot):

1. When was the location of the post office at St. Theodore d'Acton changed?
2. Who recommended the present location?
3. Is the Government aware that it is very far from the church and consequently inconvenient to the farmers?
4. Have Messrs. Telesphore Picard and Remi Desautels, both residing in front of the church, refused to take said post office in their homes?
5. Have these two gentlemen been asked to take charge of the post office?
6. If not, why?

Rt. Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

1. Appointment of Mrs. Rene Gauthier authorized October 10, 1919.
2. Mr. Victor Gaudet, Post Office Inspector for the Montreal district.
3. No.
4. Mr. Telesphore Picard applied for the appointment but there is no record that Mr. Remi Desautels applied.
5. No.
6. The inspector reported that "several candidates were in the field, but a large majority of the leading citizens of St. Theodore d'Acton, not to say all of them, are in favour of Mrs. Rene Gauthier. Recommendations in her favour have been received from the parish priest, the mayor, the members of the municipal council, the secretary-treasurer, the principal merchant of the place, the owner of the butter factory, and several other leading citizens. * * * There is no returned soldier available."

BAGOT COUNTY ELECTORAL LIST.

Mr. MARCILE (Bagot):

1. Has the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery received the electoral list of the county of Bagot?
2. If so, is it possible to have copies of same?

Rt. Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

1. The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has not received the electoral list of the county of Bagot. The obligation on the part of custodians of provincial lists to

furnish the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery with certified copies thereof ceased on the passing of the War-time Elections Act, September, 1917.

2. Copies may be obtained from the Registrar for the county of Bagot.

**SHAREHOLDERS OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
MERCHANT MARINE.**

Mr. SINCLAIR (Antigonish and Guysborough):

1. Who are the shareholders of the corporation known as the "Canadian Government Merchant Marine?"
2. Did the shareholders invest any of their own money in this venture? If not, who furnished the capital?
3. Who are the directors?
4. Is there a separate company or corporation for each ship?
5. In what name does the title to the ship stand on the registry?
6. Does the Department of Railways and Canals receive a statement at stated periods from the Canadian Government Merchant Marine showing the profits and loss of the business? If so, how often?
7. Who is responsible to the ratepayers for the conduct of the business carried on by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine?
8. Is a separate account kept for each ship?
9. What rate of insurance is being paid on the hulls of ships belonging to this company?

Hon. Mr. CALDER:

1. All of the issued capital stock of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, less directors' qualifying shares, are owned by His Majesty the King and held by the Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada.
2. The total investment in the Canadian Government Merchant Marine is made by the Government.
3. Mr. D. B. Hanna, Mr. A. J. Mitchell, Major G. A. Bell, C.M.G., Mr. E. R. Wood, Mr. Robt. Hobson, Sir Hormisdas Laporte, Dr. A. P. Barnhill, Col. Thos. Cantley.
4. Yes.
5. Title to each vessel will stand on the registry in the name of the separate ship company, with a mortgage thereon in favour of His Majesty the King.
6. A statement of the operations of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, as furnished to the directors at their regular meetings, is supplied both to the Department of Railways and to the Department of Marine.
7. The Government.
8. Accounts are kept showing, separately, the operation of each vessel.
9. Arrangements for insurance and rates are made by the operating company. Rates