

Questions

(d) Hayward, Franklin Henry: \$80 per month: clerk, unit headquarters. Appointed April 10, 1923, on the recommendation of the unit medical director to fill the position vacated by John Arthur Rylands, resigned.

(e) Smith, John Wesley: \$208.33 per month: Head clerk. Appointed March 21, 1923, pursuant to instructions issued by the honourable the minister.

7. Answered by No. 6.

8. No.

9. Answered by No. 8.

10. Answered by No. 6.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS— OPERATING DIVISIONS

Mr. HANSON:

What were the earnings and the expenses for the last fiscal year, or last accounting period, of the following divisions of the Canadian Government Railways: (a) the division from Montreal to St. Flavie; (b) from St. Flavie to Moncton; (c) from St. John to Halifax; (d) from Truro to Sydney?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

As pointed out by a former Minister of Railways on March 21, 1921, railway accounting methods do not provide for the presentation of receipts, expenses, surplus or deficits by operating divisions.

MONTREAL POST OFFICE—PROMOTIONS

Mr. DENIS (St. Denis):

1. On what date were the last examinations, for the promotion to senior Clerk in the post office of Montreal, held?

2. What is the name of the successful person?

3. How many years had the said person been employed at the Montreal post office?

4. Was the said person, after promotion, paid the sum of \$1,100 in payment of arrears of salary?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM (for Postmaster General):

1. November, 1922.

2. J. A. E. Lamontagne.

3. Eleven years.

4. Mr. Lamontagne received no arrears of salary.

APPOINTMENT, AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. BEAUBIEN:

1. How long has the position of Auditor General been vacant?

2. Can it be left indefinitely vacant without injury to the public interest?

3. Is not the Auditor General an official of Parliament though his appointment is made by the government on the advice of the Minister of Finance?

4. Is it proposed to fill the vacancy by promotion?

5. When will the appointment be made?

Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

1. The office has been vacant for several months, since the death of Mr. Sutherland. The duties are being performed by the Assistant Auditor General.

2. No.

[Mr. Beland.]

3. Yes.

4. Possibly, but not necessarily.

5. Shortly. Some legislation relating to audit may have to be proposed.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

VALCARTIER CAMP GROUND

Mr. DESLISLE:

1. Has the government, since peace was signed, ever considered the utilization of Valcartier camp grounds? If so, what was the result of such consideration?

2. Is it a fact that this land, formerly under cultivation, is now a complete loss to agriculture as well as to the municipality of Ste. Catherine, on the outskirts of the city of Quebec?

3. Is it true that the waterworks system on this property will soon be worthless?

4. Is it a fact that the whole property, situated as it is, only a few minutes distant from Valcartier station and lying on both sides of Jacques Cartier river, could be sold advantageously?

5. Has the government received any offer for this property or have any representations been made on this subject?

6. Who is the present caretaker of the said Valcartier camp? Under what circumstances and by whose influence was he appointed? Is his appointment subject to cancellation at the pleasure of the government? What are his duties? Who is his immediate superior? Does the government receive regular reports concerning this camp and this caretaker? Has the caretaker any assistants? If so, what are their names and by whom were they appointed? Is the said camp, as a military property, inspected from time to time? Are reports made to the Department of Militia? Is the government aware that last summer, 1922, there were a large number of people occupying the various camp buildings? In what right and under whose authority were said buildings occupied?

7. Has the Commanding Officer of military district No. 5 any supervision over this property and does he make reports? If so, will the government produce such reports? Is there any correspondence between the Department of Militia and the Department of Agriculture, concerning this property? If so, will the government produce it? What is the salary of this caretaker and of his assistants?

8. Is it a fact that one of the buildings on this camp was destroyed by fire in the month of January last? Was a military inquiry made as to the causes of this fire and to that end were all witnesses sought for or was the department satisfied with a mere report? Are there any correspondence or documents on the subject? If so, will the government produce them?

9. Is it a fact that in 1915 a road was built from the said camp to Quebec and that the Ste. Catherine public road between range IV and St. Michel was then closed by the Military authorities and that since that time the camp road alone is and can be used? Is not this road the property of the government and as such must it be looked after by the government winter and summer. Were orders given to this effect and is there any control over the execution of the orders given? Is it the caretaker of the camp who is responsible for the maintenance of this road?

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS PAYMENTS TO NEWSPAPERS

Mr. d'ANJOU:

For a return showing the names of newspaper companies and printing companies who have received federal moneys for printing since January 1st, 1918, with the respective amounts received by each of said companies