

## Questions

## TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTING STAFFS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication from the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes):

Ottawa, April 11, 1932.

Dear Sir,—

I am informed that the Clerk of the House of Commons and the Comptroller of the Treasury have discussed the transfer of accounting staffs and are in agreement.

Therefore, under the authority of P.C. 14/560, dated March 10, 1932, and section 36 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, I designate the following accounting officers on the staff of the House of Commons to be transferred to the Department of Finance, under the direction and control of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in accordance with the terms given in the order in council already referred to:

Sherwood, B. W., chief accountant, \$4,140.

Jarvis, H. A., assistant clerk, \$2,340.

Bissonnette, E. A., clerk, grade 3, \$1,380.

Yours faithfully,  
Edgar N. Rhodes.

The Speaker of the House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I desire to lay on the table of the house orders in council Nos. 813, 814, 815, 816, 888 and 911, passed pursuant to the provisions of the Unemployment and Farm Relief Continuance Act, all relating to the payments of money.

## PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. S. C. ROBINSON (West Essex) moved that the first report of the joint committee of both houses on the printing of parliament, presented to the house on April 20, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

## COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 61, to amend The Companies Act.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Explain.

Mr. CAHAN: Several provinces have in recent years enacted legislation requiring assignments of book debts to be registered locally, and in order that section 85 of The Companies Act of Canada may be brought into consistent operation with the provincial legislation dealing with the same subject, I am proposing a slight amendment to that section.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. Duff.]

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

## STAMP COMMISSION

Mr. BOTHWELL:

1. What was the cost of printing the Stamp commission report?

2. What number of copies were printed: (a) how many were sold and what amount was realized; (b) how many copies were distributed free?

Mr. CAHAN: May I answer this question orally, as I have just received the reply from the King's Printer. In so far as respects the Department of Public Printing and Stationery:

1. \$2,144.73.

2. Total copies, 14,850. (14,350 English, 500 French). (a) 12,057 copies sold, \$2,441.89 realized. (b) By Department of Public Printing and Stationery: 100 copies English, 50 copies French.

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Mr. AHEARN:

1. When a large number of officers and other ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Force were let out of that service recently, was the headquarters staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force reduced in proportion to the reduction in active flying officers and flying personnel of other ranks?

2. How many officers and other ranks were attached to the Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters and other staff positions as of March 31, 1931?

3. How many officers and other ranks are attached to Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters and other staff positions as of March 31, 1932?

Mr. SUTHERLAND:

1, 2 and 3. The recent reduction in the Royal Canadian Air Force was not effective until April 1, 1932. On that date three officers and six airmen were released from headquarters. The transfer of several officers is now pending and additional officers and airmen will be transferred to the outside service as, and when, reorganization proceeds.

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—PUBLICATIONS BRANCH

Mr. CHEVRIER:

1. What are: (a) the names; (b) the years of service; (c) the salary or wages; (d) the number of dependents, of all employees of the Publications branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa who have been let out of their positions in the said branch from the 1st January, 1932, to date?