

## CUSTOMS, THE PAS AND DAUPHIN.

Mr. CRUISE:

1. What was the amount of Customs revenue received for the last fiscal year, 1916-17, at The Pas, Manitoba?
2. What was the Customs revenue received from the Dauphin Office for the same year?
3. What was the salary paid the Customs Official at The Pas for the year 1916-17?
4. What was the salary paid the Customs officer at Dauphin for the same year?

Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

2. \$15,350.76.
1. \$8,170.49.
3. \$2,400.
4. Two officers at Dauphin, J. A. Ball \$1,100, E. C. Batty \$881.26. Officer E. C. Batty was absent on active military service overseas from Dec. 15, 1916, with civil pay equal to the difference between his regular customs salary, \$1,000, and his military pay, \$401.50.

Mr. NOEL CHASSE.

Mr. CANNON:

1. Is Mr. Noël Chassé employed by the Government?
2. If so, what is the position occupied by him, and what salary does he receive?

Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

1. Yes.
2. Private secretary to the Minister of Inland Revenue; \$2,700.

Mr. ALLEYN TASCHEREAU.

Mr. CANNON:

1. Is Mr. Alleyn Tachereau, a Quebec barrister, occupying a position under the Government control, in and for the District of Quebec, in connection with the operation of the Military Service Act?
2. If so, what is said position, the salary thereto attached, and on whose recommendation was the appointment made?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1. Yes.
2. Chief public representative. Six hundred dollars covering from the 1st February to the 1st April, when Mr. Taschereau has notified the Department of Justice, Military Service Branch, that he proposes to resign the office. Upon the recommendation of the Military Service Council.

## RELEASE OF MEN UNDER ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Mr. KAY:

How many men have been released temporarily, and how many permanently, by the Minister of Militia under authority of Order in Council No. 3348, (a) prior to the 17th day of December, 1917, and (b) from December 18, 1917, to March 1, 1918, respectively?

Major-General MEWBURN:

- (a) None.
- (b) None.

## MILITARY EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS.

Mr. KAY:

1. How many representatives were appointed by the Minister of Agriculture under Order in Council No. 3349?
2. What was the number in each of the provinces?
3. How many men have been released from military service to work as agriculturists through the efforts of these representatives?
4. Are any of these representatives attending the tribunals at the present time?

Hon. Mr. CRERAR:

1. 116.
2. Province of Ontario, 87; province of Saskatchewan, 29.
3. As the representatives did not report in detail the department is unable to give this information.
4. No.

## MILITARY SERVICE.

\*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Is the Government aware as to whether or not certain young men of military age residing in the District of Toronto inflicted wounds upon themselves to avoid military service, as reported in the Montreal Daily Star of February 28, 1918?
2. If so, has any action been taken to punish the said men?
3. If not, will the report be investigated?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1. No.
2. No.
3. If definite facts are given, same will be investigated.

## CONVICTION OF BRAULT AND SWAN.

\*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Was a man named Brault recently sentenced at Montreal to one year's imprisonment for having made public speeches in violation of the terms of the Military Service Act, 1917?
2. Was a man named Swan recently sentenced at Toronto for the same terms for the same offence?
3. If so, are both men still serving the said sentence?
4. If not, have either or both of them been granted reprieve by the Minister of Justice?
5. Were both offenders treated alike?
6. If not, Why?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1. No; Brault was sentenced at Toronto, his offence being that he persuaded persons to resist enforcement of the Military Service Act. He was not accused of "having made public speeches."
2. Yes; this man also was not accused of "having made public speeches."
3. No.
4. Swan has been released as a matter of clemency; and an application for clemency for Brault is at present under consideration.