

# CANADA

## House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, March 11, 1925

The House met at three o'clock.

#### REPORTS AND PAPERS

Copy of report for the year 1924 of positions excluded under the provisions of section 38B (2) from the operation of the Civil Service Act, 1918, as amended by chapter 22, 11-12 George V.—Hon. Mr. Copp.

#### PRIVATE BILL

##### FIRST READING

Bill No. 24, to amend The Toronto Harbour Commissioners Act, 1911.—Mr. Church.

#### OCEAN SHIPPING RATES

Mr. S. W. JACOBS (George Etienne Carrier): Mr. Speaker, I desire to lay before the House a petition of the Montreal Board of Trade referring to the Petersen ship subsidy bill; also a petition of the Montreal Corn Exchange referring to the same matter.

#### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

##### CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS, 1924

Mr. HOCKEN:

How many appointments were made to the civil service of Canada by the Civil Service Commission during the calendar year 1924?

Hon. Mr. COPP: During the calendar year 1924, 1,571 appointments were made by the Civil Service Commission, to fill vacancies caused by death, resignations or otherwise, and 250 additional appointments. Of the total appointments made 299 were postmasters and 177 seasonal appointments required owing to a large number of positions abolished in the process of re-organization.

##### COLD STORAGE PLANT, MONTREAL

Hon. Mr. STEVENS:

1. Who prepared plans for the Harbour Commission's cold storage plant, Montreal, and what was the engineer's estimate of cost?

2. Were tenders called for the erection of said cold storage plant, and, if so, in what manner?

3. How many firms tendered, and what are the names of such firms or individuals?

4. What was the amount of the lowest tender?
5. At what figure was the contract awarded, and to whom?
6. What is the total cost to date, based on engineer's approved certificates?
7. How much has actually been paid to said contractor?
8. Has contract been completed? If not, what still remains unfinished?

Hon. Mr. CARDIN:

1. Mr. F. W. Cowie, Chief Engineer, Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, and Harold Rolph, representing the John S. Metcalf Company, Ltd., Montreal. Preliminary bulk estimate approved P.C. January 30, 1919, \$900,000. Detailed estimate approved P.C. May 7, 1919, \$1,400,000, as follows:

Refrigeration and Equipment....	\$485,620
Excavation and Piling Foundation..	100,000
Superstructure..	736,411
Power House $\frac{3}{4}$ cost.....	77,969

2. On March 22, 1920, tenders were called for the superstructure only, by public advertisement in the local English and French newspapers.

3. Five, as follows:

1. E. G. M. Cape & Co. Ltd., Montreal, P.Q.
2. G. D. Loomis & Sons, Montreal, P.Q.
3. The Atlas Construction Co., Montreal, P.Q.
4. Geo. A. Fuller Co. Ltd., Cleveland, Ohio.
5. P. Lyall & Sons Construction Co., Montreal.

The Commissioners' Chief Engineer, Mr. F. W. Cowie, made a proposal for the building of the superstructure above tendered for, to be carried out by the harbour commissioners organization, with the co-operation of the John S. Metcalf, Ltd., Montreal, at an estimated cost of \$957,174, including co-operation fees, &c.

4. Lowest tender for superstructure, \$1,357,000, the John S. Metcalfe fee of 5 per cent for plans, specification and estimates, not included.

5. No award was made. The commissioners gave orders to carry out the whole work departmentally under the direction of Mr. F. W. Cowie, Chief Engineer. The work on the superstructure to be under the superintendence of the John S. Metcalf Company.