

the amount of securities issued by the Company, the stock and bonds, the amount of money realized to the Company by the sale of these stocks and bonds, and how the money was disposed of. If the road is worth \$5,000,000 a year to the Government, we want to know it. We do not want to take from Mackenzie & Mann property worth \$100,000,000 and not give them something for it. We want to know how much money was obtained and spent by the company.

Mr. J. D. REID: I think all that information has been given to the Board of Arbitrators in Toronto. I will try and furnish all the information asked for.

Bill reported.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE-THIRD READINGS.

Bill No. 44, respecting The Kettle Valley Railway Company.—Mr. Green.

Bill No. 47, to confirm an agreement made between Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company and Northern Pacific Railway Company.—Mr. Crowe.

Bill No. 45, respecting The Nipissing Central Railway Company.—(As amended).—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 36, respecting Ottawa and Montreal Transmission Company, Limited.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 46, respecting United Grain Growers, Limited, formerly The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Limited.—Mr. Buchanan.

Bill No. 24, respecting The Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company.—Mr. Fripp.

SECOND READING.

Bill No. 67, respecting The International Bridge and Terminal Company.—Mr. Manion.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks).

CUSTOMS OFFICER AT RIVER PORT, N.S.

Mr. DUFF:

1. Who is the customs officer at River Port, Nova Scotia?

2. Was he appointed by the Civil Service Commission?

3. If so, what measures were taken by the said Commission to obtain necessary information with regard to the particular qualifications needed for a person holding this position?

[Mr. Currie.]

4. Were there any other applicants for the said position?

5. Why was this particular choice made?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. Capt. Elisha Wentzel.

2. This employment was authorized temporarily by the Civil Service Commission.

3, 4 and 5. No information.

THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

Sir SAM HUGHES:

1. Is John Fraser the Auditor General of Canada? If so, what is his salary?

2. Is A. A. Fraser employed in the Auditor General's Office? If so, what salary? Is he a son of the Auditor General of Canada?

3. Is Ethel Fraser employed in the Auditor General's Office? If so, at what salary, and is she a daughter of the Auditor General of Canada?

4. Has A. J. Fraser been paid any amount through the Auditor General's Office for services in connection with the recent election, or were there any amounts due him on this account? If so, how much, and is he a son of the Auditor General of Canada?

5. Is W. A. Fraser employed in the Agriculture Department? If so, at what salary, and is he a son of the Auditor General of Canada?

6. Is H. J. Fraser employed in the Post Office Department? If so, at what salary, and is he a son of the Auditor General of Canada?

7. Is R. J. Fraser employed in the Naval Department? If so, at what salary, and is he a son of the Auditor General of Canada?

8. What amounts of public money have been paid each to John Fraser and A. A. Fraser for travelling expenses during the two years ending December 31, 1917?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. (a) Yes; (b) \$5,000 per annum.

2. (a) Yes; (b) \$125 per month in connection with the payment of election accounts. He is a practising barrister of ten years' standing. (c) No information in the records of the office.

3. (a) Yes. She was appointed by the Civil Service Commission in 1911, after having obtained the highest standing in open competitive examination; (b) \$1,250 per annum; (c) no information in the records of the office.

4. (a) Yes; (b) \$30 as enumerator in the recent election, and \$205 for counting and recording soldiers' votes. Account certified by the General Returning Officer; (c) no information in the records of the office.

5. (a) Yes; (b) salary \$2,100 per annum; (c) he is a son of the Auditor General.

6. No.

7. (a) Yes; (b) \$1,700; (c) yes.

8. John Fraser, 1916, \$720.44; 1917, \$1,537.03, authorized by Order in Council. A. A. Fraser, 1916, \$245.40; 1917, \$135.25.