

order reducing certain export grain rates to Halifax?

2. If so: (a) who was the petitioner or applicant; (b) what was the date of the petition or application; and (c) what action has been taken?

Mr. BENNETT:

1. Yes.

2. (a) Halifax harbour commissioners and the transportation commission of the Maritime Board of Trade; (b) May 29, 1931. Received in the Privy Council office June 4, 1931; (c) No date has as yet been fixed for the hearing.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Mr. RINFRET:

1. What sum of money has been spent in the city of Montreal by the federal government out of the twenty million dollars voted at the special session of 1930: (a) on works as a relief for unemployment; (b) as direct assistance?

2. How many workmen are at present employed by the harbour commission at Montreal?

Mr. CAHAN:

1. (a) No accounts yet submitted to federal government in respect of public works in city of Montreal; (b) \$173,666.67.

2. The following information has been furnished by the harbour commissioners of Montreal: 1,175 workmen were employed week ended June 13, 1931 (this not including staff).

CENSUS IN ROCK ISLAND

Mr. HOWARD:

1. What is the name of the party who is taking the census in Rock Island, Quebec?

2. Does he live in Canada or the United States?

Mr. STEVENS:

1. Mr. J. W. Downing.

2. Mr. Downing is a Canadian, born in the county of Compton; his place of business and his post office address are at Rock Island, P.Q. At this point there is one community known as "The Three Villages" made up of Stanstead and Rock Island in the province of Quebec and Derby Line in the state of Vermont. The entire population forms one community and the same churches, schools, moving picture theatres and railway station are used by the entire population. For example there is an ice skating rink at Derby Line, a roller skating rink at Stanstead, a golf course at Stanstead, an Odd Fellows hall at Derby Line, a Masonic lodge at Stanstead, and an opera house half in Rock Island and half in Derby Line. The public library is also situated on the line as well as the buildings of some of the residents.

PIER "B" UNIT—HALIFAX TERMINALS

Mr. DUFF:

1. Is the construction work at pier "B" unit, at the Halifax terminals at a standstill, have the men been laid off and was the larger portion of the equipment removed to points on the St. Lawrence river?

2. If so, why was the said work interrupted?

3. Will this work be proceeded with during the present calendar year?

4. If so, when is it anticipated that work will be resumed?

Mr. DURANLEAU: The following information has been furnished by the Halifax Harbour Commissioners:

1. Construction work on pier "B" unit at the Halifax terminals is not at a standstill, and men have not been laid off. The contractors advise that only such portion of the equipment as is not now required has been removed.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Yes.

4. Answered by No. 1.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEALS

Mr. LAPOINTE:

1. In how many cases which are to be submitted to the privy council at its coming sitting is the attorney general of Canada a party, or His Majesty in respect of the Dominion of Canada interested?

2. Will a member of the Canadian judiciary who is also a member of His Majesty's Privy Council, attend the sitting and take part in the hearing and decision of those cases?

3. If not, why?

Mr. GUTHRIE:

1. Five.

2. The government is not informed.

3. See answer to No. 2.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Mr. BRADETTE:

1. Has an arrangement been arrived at between the Ontario government and the federal government that three survey parties would go over the ground this season to study the routing of the trans-Canada highway in northern Ontario?

2. What was the nature of the arrangement between the Ontario and the federal governments?

Mr. BENNETT: It is hardly possible to answer this question with a mere yes or no. I can only say that the Ontario government has suggested that they were sending survey parties over the ground of what might possibly be the routing of the completion of a trans-Canada highway through northern Ontario. The only arrangement made was that, that suggestion having been made, this government stated that it would be very glad if such a survey were proceeded with. That is as far as it went.