

Mr. BORDEN. I have not seen the statement and so cannot answer the question. The Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Cochrane) is unfortunately absent to-day; but he will be in his place to-morrow and will be able to give information to my hon. friend with regard to the matter to which he refers.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou). Would the Prime Minister please call the attention of his colleague to the fact that I have asked the question, and, if the statement to which I have referred is correct, ask him to bring down whatever papers there may be in connection with the matter?

Mr. BORDEN. I will direct his attention to it.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Mr. CLARKE (Essex). I desire to ask the Postmaster General (Mr. Pelletier) whether an announcement is to be made at an early day as to the extension of the rural mail delivery. I understand that there is some question of extending it so that all the roads in a settled municipality may have it. I would ask the Postmaster General if that is likely to be announced, and if so when?

Mr. PELLETIER. It is not so much a question of extension, but of the making of a well-arranged plan by mapping out each county and not working at random as at present. The question is under consideration.

Mr. CLARKE (Essex). Will it be announced?

Mr. PELLETIER. Yes, in due course.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Will it be free rural mail delivery?

Mr. PELLETIER. We will speak about that later.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS' BOUNTY.

Mr. KNOWLES. I desire to renew my question to the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Rogers) whether he can accord us any information as to when we shall likely be made aware of what will be in his Bill in regard to South African volunteers' bounty extension?

Mr. ROGERS. I will have the Bill prepared in a very few days.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 11) respecting the Canadian Birkbeck Investment and Savings Com-

pany, and to change its name to The Canadian Mortgage Investment Company—Sir Edmund Osler.

Bill (No. 13) to incorporate the Liverpool-Manitoba Assurance Company—Mr. Bickerdike.

Bill (No. 15) to incorporate the Vancouver Life Insurance Company of Vancouver, British Columbia.—Mr. Stevens.

Bill (No. 27) respecting the Security Life Insurance Company of Canada.—Mr. Coderre.

Bill (No. 57) respecting the Union Bank of Canada.—Mr. Barker.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 80) respecting the Dominion Trust Company Limited, and to change its name to Dominion Trust Company.—Mr. Macdonell.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

MR. J. H. BERGERON.

Mr. LEMIEUX:

1. Has Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron been appointed a commissioner of inquiry in the district of Montreal?
2. If so, by what minister was he appointed?
3. What salary does he receive in this inquiry?

Mr. ROCHE:

1. Yes.
2. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries; The Postmaster General; by order in council with respect to the Department of Customs.
3. Remuneration not to exceed \$15 for each full day's attendance, and reasonable moving and living expenses, and with respect to the Post Department, \$15 per diem in addition to actual travelling expenses and \$3 per diem for living expenses.

MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

*Mr. AMES:

Is it the intention of the government to continue the present Harbour Commissioners for the port of Montreal in office for the current year?

Mr. HAZEN:

The government has no intention, at present, of making any change in the Montreal Harbour Commission. The powers of the commissioners already appointed to inquire into the public depart-