

Hon. Mr. RINFRET: That was replied to on Monday.

Mr. SPEAKER: Answered.

WALTER H. KIRCHNER

Mr. SPENCER:

1. What reason was given by the Vancouver harbour commission for the dismissal of Walter H. Kirchner, accountant, Ballantyne pier, Vancouver, British Columbia?

2. Was he an efficient worker?

3. How long was he in the service of the Vancouver harbour commission?

4. Is he a war veteran?

5. Was his successor a returned soldier?

6. What salary did the accountant preceding Mr. Kirchner receive?

7. What salary did Mr. Kirchner receive for performing similar duties?

8. What salary did Mr. Kirchner receive before asking for an investigation of his charge against the Vancouver harbour commission of exploiting the labour of non-political returned soldier employees?

9. What reason was given by the Vancouver harbour commission for temporarily withholding twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month for eight (8) months from Mr. Kirchner's salary?

10. Have portions of salaries earned by other employees of the Vancouver harbour commission been similarly withheld?

11. Was any recompense made or suggested to Mr. Kirchner by the Vancouver harbour commission for their action in withholding a portion of his salary for eight months?

12. When Mr. Kirchner assumed the duties of accountant, Ballantyne pier, why was the title of "accountant" added to the employee performing the junior duties of cashier?

13. Did the cashier who was given the additional title of "accountant" perform any of the accounting duties of the Ballantyne pier?

14. Was the cashier of Ballantyne pier capable of performing the duties of accountant of the Ballantyne pier?

15. What is the title of the cashier of the Ballantyne pier to-day?

16. Was the salary of the cashier of the Ballantyne pier increased from one hundred and sixty dollars to one hundred and eighty dollars per month at the time he received the additional title of "accountant"?

17. Was the increase of twenty dollars per month given to the cashier as extra remuneration for supposedly performing accounting duties in addition to his duties of cashier?

18. Were the duties for which the cashier received additional remuneration performed by Mr. Kirchner?

19. What authority have the Vancouver harbour commissioners to turn over portions of a salary earned by one employee to another?

20. Is the position of accountant senior to that of cashier in the Vancouver harbour commission?

21. Has it been the general practice of the Vancouver harbour commissioners for employees performing senior duties to come under the jurisdiction of men doing junior work?

22. Why were such conditions imposed upon Walter H. Kirchner?

23. Were such conditions imposed upon his predecessor or his successor?

24. On or about the 10th September was the comptroller of the Vancouver harbour

commission instructed by the commissioners to draw up a recommendation covering Mr. Kirchner's case, and what was that recommendation?

25. Was the recommendation by the comptroller minuted?

26. Has the government of Canada no jurisdiction over the actions of the Vancouver harbour commissioners against returned soldiers?

27. Did Walter H. Kirchner appeal to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for justice?

28. Is the action of the late Vancouver harbour commissioners against Walter H. Kirchner endorsed by the government of Canada?

Mr. SPENCER: As this will probably be the last day of the session, I trust the answer to this question will be sent to me at my home address.

OTTAWA JOURNAL

Hon. Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac-Addington):

1. What amounts were paid to the paper now known as the Ottawa Journal, by the several departments of the government, during the calendar years 1911 to 1926?

2. What amounts have been paid to the Ottawa Journal by the government during the years 1911 to 1921, for space leased for government purposes in the Ottawa Journal building?

3. What was the floor space rate paid by the government to the Journal in the years mentioned, and what was the average floor space rate paid for the use of other privately owned buildings?

4. Is the government at present leasing any part of the Journal building, and, if so, what is the yearly rental?

Hon. Mr. RINFRET:

Auditor General's Department:

1. The amount paid by this office, out of Legislation-Elections, to the Ottawa Journal during the calendar years 1911 to 1926 was \$209.25.

2, 3 and 4. No information.

Department of the Interior:

1. 1911	\$ 452 40
1912	1,175 00
1913	962 40
1914	1,260 80
1915	1,583 91
1916	1,119 60
1917	399 96
1918	345 96
1919	198 40
1920	133 98
1921	153 12
1922	nil
1923	72 72
1924	72 92
1925	79 40
1926	111 12

\$8,121 39

2, 3 and 4. No information.