

Questions

4. By percentage on post office revenue, based on scale governing all revenue post offices.

5. \$1,036.38, out of which \$36.38 was deducted under the statutory deduction act, leaving a net amount paid, \$1,000 for fiscal year commencing 1st April, 1934.

6. Charles E. Burr.

7. By tender.

8. No recommendation.

9. \$281.47.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY—\$60,000,000 LOAN

Mr. POULIOT:

When was the "draft of the proposed order in council regarding a loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company," referred to in a letter dated August 31, 1933, of the acting Prime Minister to the general manager of the Bank of Montreal (a) recommended to council; (b) prepared; (c) submitted to the council?

Mr. RINFRET: (a) 28th November, 1933; (b) 28th November, 1933; (c) 28th November, 1933.

Note: The word "drafted" is interpreted as referring to the recommendation to council signed by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Labour.

Mr. POULIOT:

1. Was the letter of guarantee of a \$60,000,000 loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway by the dominion government, dated May 31, 1933, signed by the then Prime Minister and addressed to Sir Charles Gordon, president of the Bank of Montreal, initialed by his colleagues?

2. If so, by whom, and when?

Mr. RINFRET: Nothing on file at present time; correspondence was tabled on March 13, 1934.

ACTING MINISTERS, MAY 31, 1933

Mr. POULIOT:

1. Was the then Prime Minister, acting Minister of Finance and Railways and Canals, on May 31, 1933?

2. If not, who were the minister or ministers for those departments on that date?

Mr. RINFRET:

1. No.

2. Minister of Finance: Hon. E. N. Rhodes; Minister of Railways and Canals: Hon. R. J. Manion.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY—\$60,000,000 LOAN

Mr. POULIOT:

For a copy of first recommendation to council for order in council regarding a loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, referred to in a letter dated August 31, 1933, of the acting Prime Minister to the general manager of the Bank of Montreal.

[Mr. J. C. Elliott.]

Mr. POULIOT:

For a copy of joint reports, dated November 28, 1933, and June 20, 1934, from the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Labour to the council with regard to the guarantee of a \$60,000,000 loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

NATIONAL HARBOURS

ACCIDENTS TO LONGSHOREMEN—INQUIRY AS TO
LABOUR CONDITIONS AND INSPECTION
OF APPARATUS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Kootenay East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the minister who is about to become minister of transport, but possibly my question might be more properly directed to the ministry of marine. First, has the minister's attention been drawn to the fact that since the opening of navigation five men have been killed in Montreal in connection with the longshoring and storing of cargoes on ships? Inasmuch as the federal government has taken over the administration of harbours in Canada, have any steps been taken to investigate the causes of these accidents? Second, what conclusion has the Department of Marine arrived at with regard to the inspection of apparatus in harbours? This question has been before the department for some years, and the fact that five men were killed in the present year at the port of Montreal would seem to warrant the closest and most searching investigation both as to conditions surrounding labour in the harbour and as to adequate inspection of apparatus. Careful investigation should be made as to the various types of machinery used in this hazardous occupation. I am asking whether the minister's attention has been drawn to the matter.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Marine): Mr. Speaker, the longshoremen and the apparatus they use have nothing to do with the operation of the harbour. The longshoremen are employed by the ships; the apparatus they use is furnished either by the longshoremen or by the ships, and it is probably for that reason that the matter has not been brought to the attention of the department. I assume that in a matter of this kind the Minister of Labour would be the proper person to institute an investigation.

Mr. STEVENS: I wish to thank the minister for his reply, but perhaps he will kindly follow what I am now going to ask and give me an answer to-morrow or at some later time. I am referring to the question not as it applies to the ministry of labour but more