

ENLISTMENTS AND CASUALTIES.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

1. What was the total number of recruits enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in June, 1917?
2. What was the total number of casualties in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in June, 1917?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. 6,347.
2. 4,351.

CUSTOMS MOTOR BOATS.

Mr. CARROLL:

1. How many motor boats are employed by the Customs Department upon Sydney Harbour?
2. What are the names of the boats so employed?
3. Who are the owners of said boats?
4. What length of time have these boats been employed by the Department?
5. At what rate have they been paid?
6. How long has the motor boat Helena been employed?
7. Who is her owner?
8. What is the full amount paid for her services to date?
9. What crew is employed upon this boat?

Mr. REID:

1. One—for examination of ships in connection with Naval Detention Service.
2. Helena.
3. Mr. Finlay MacDonald.
4. Fiscal year ending 31st March, 1914, 142 days; 1915, 271 days; 1916, 257 days; current fiscal year, 85 days.
5. \$15 a day, owner to supply gasoline and oil and a man to run the boat.
- 6 and 7. Answered by Nos. 3 and 4.
8. \$10,965.
9. Answered by No. 5.

ENLISTMENT OF PERSONS OF FOREIGN BIRTH.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Some time ago the member for Saltcoats (Mr. MacNutt) asked a question with regard to the enlistment of aliens under the voluntary system and under the Military Service Act. The matter of the enlistment of such persons under the voluntary system has been under consideration by the military authorities not only of this country but of the United Kingdom as well, and there has been consultation between the two Governments with regard to it. Upon that consultation the general policy under the voluntary system of recruiting has been not to enlist men of alien enemy birth for combatant service. With regard to the policy under the Military Service Act, it would not be considered desirable to enlist for combat-

ant service any man who, under the policy that has been carried out in respect of voluntary enlistment, would not be accepted. The same principle, we think, should be applied to both: that is, such a man should not be enlisted for combatant service.

RECRUITING OF CANADIANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. OLIVER: Will the Minister of Militia be good enough to make, at his convenience, a statement in regard to the recruiting in the United States of Canadian battalions for overseas service?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: A question in regard to that matter, asked by the member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald), was answered to-day.

Mr. OLIVER: I do not think that the answer given to the question of the member for Pictou conveys the information that I am desirous of obtaining. I should like to have a statement of the policy of the Government in regard to the matter. I do not particularly desire the details; I want to know how far it is intended to carry this practice and upon what principle it is formulated. Are these instances merely exceptional, occurring for some exceptional reason, or are they in accordance with a well defined policy of the Government?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: If the information contained in the question which I answered is not sufficient I will make a note of what my hon. friend says now and will make a statement in the matter within a day or so.

CORRECTION—MR. KYTE.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. KYTE: The Journal-Press newspaper of to-day's date contains the statement that I did not vote upon the third reading of the Military Service Bill yesterday, and that I did not state whether I was paired or not. That statement is incorrect. I voted against the third reading of the Bill, and my name is recorded in Hansard as having so voted.

DELAY OF HOMESTEAD PATENTS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. McCRAVEY: I am in receipt of a telegram from Mr. G. Harmon Jones, Secretary of the Military hospitals commission in Saskatchewan. I wish to ask the Minis-