

QUEBEC POST OFFICE

Mr. PARENT:

For a copy of all letters and other documents in possession of the Department of Public Works relating to the claims of the contractor for payments of the cost of work necessitated by the building of the post office in the city of Quebec.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—
INCOME STATEMENT

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition) moved:

For a return giving copy of official income statement, December, 1923, and March, 1924, of the Canadian National Railways which statements include data from the commencement of 1923 and 1924, respectively.

Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals): I had hoped to embellish my few remarks on the year's business of the Canadian National Railways by the production of this information. Perhaps my right hon. friend will allow me to do that.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I never observed that the hon. minister's remarks needed embellishment in any way; frequently they are lacking in information. I do not like to rob him in advance of his material. I presume it would be possible for me to get it myself. I have no desire to make public his speech, though, before the great day.

Mr. GRAHAM: I will get my right hon. friend a copy.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion dropped.

OPIUM AND NARCOTIC DRUG ACT—
MOIETIES PAID

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Vancouver Centre) moved:

For a return showing particulars of all moieties paid through the office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Vancouver and Victoria, in connection with the administration of the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, setting forth to whom paid and date of payment.

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): I am compelled to oppose this resolution. The administration of the Opium and Narcotic Drugs Act is already a very difficult task. The persons engaged in that traffic are shrewd, powerful and unscrupulous, and if the information asked for by this resolution is given it will make the work of the police more arduous and subject those who give the information to acts of revenge. The passing of the motion is objectionable also on many other grounds. I may say that I object also to the passing of notices of motion No. 9 and No. 10, standing in the name of the hon. member for Vancouver

Centre (Mr. Stevens). Perhaps it would be better to let these stand.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Stand in the absence of Mr. Stevens.

JETTIES AT VANCOUVER

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. L. J. LADNER (Vancouver South): I have a very urgent telegram from grain men of the West with regard to the completion of Nos. 1 and 2 jetties at Vancouver, the construction of which has been under way. The message states that unless the necessary moneys to complete these jetties are not forthcoming immediately, these facilities will not be available for the coming crop in October, and that that would greatly minimize the working capacity of elevator No. 1 and would make No. 2 of little use except for storage. I would like to inquire whether the completion of these jetties is being delayed.

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): This is the first time the matter has been brought to my personal attention. I will make inquiries of officers of the department and give my hon. friend all the information I can.

THE BUDGET

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ACTING
MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Friday, May 9, the debate on the motion of Hon. J. A. Robb (Acting Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into committee on Ways and Means, and the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Woodsworth.

Hon. A. B. COPP (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the debate on the budget has proceeded for something over four weeks and is to continue, I understand, for some days, but I feel that the question is one of such great importance not only to Canada as a whole but also to each of the respective provinces that as a representative of one of the provinces in the Maritime group I should take up a little time this afternoon in making a few observations in reference to the situation as it appeals to the people in my part of the country.

Before doing so, may I be permitted to associate myself with those on both sides of the House who have offered their hearty congratulations to my hon. friend and col-