

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. N.C.O.'s and men, 915; of this number about half are men who have been invalided, sick or wounded, from the front. Civilian clerks: male, 99 over military age, or unfit for military service; and 264 females.

2. For month of January, \$96,200.

Mr. DEVLIN:

1. Is there a Canadian Pay and Records Office in England? If so, how many officers are employed in it, and how many men?

2. What was the total number of officers and men of the Canadian force in England and France up to the end of March, 1916?

3. Is there a Pay and Records Office in connection with British War Office?

4. If so, how many officers and men are employed in it?

5. What is the total number of the force of the British Army?

6. Are the officers in the Canadian Pay and Records Office in England paid according to rank, or do they get special pay?

7. Do they get anything extra for allowance?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. Yes. Officers, 50; N.C.O.'s and men, 915; of this number about half are men who have been invalided sick or wounded from the front. Civilian clerks: male, 99 over military age, or unfit for military service, and 264 females.

2. 134,838.

3. Yes, by latest available information in Army List there are 38 pay and record offices in the United Kingdom. The duties, however, performed by the British pay and record offices differ in several important respects to the Canadian pay and record office. The latter, in addition to the same duties carried out in British pay and record offices, also has charge of all officers' accounts and records, and includes a large audit staff which audits all expenditure before accounts are forwarded to Canada. Both these duties are performed by separate offices and staffs in the case of the British army. The work of the Canadian office is still further increased by having to furnish complete information to the Militia Department in connection with all casualties, in addition to supplying information to the War Office and to relatives of Canadian officers and men in England whereas in the case of the British offices, they only have to deal with the War Office and units, etc., in the United Kingdom, and have nothing to do with records or accounts of officers of the army.

4. No information, but from inquiries made in England last October, it was ascertained that the staff required to deal with

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the pay and records of the British Expeditionary Force was higher, in proportion to the total strength of the army, than the staff of the Canadian pay and record office was to total strength of Canadian Expeditionary Forces overseas.

5. No information.

6. Officers are paid according to appointment for which special rates of pay and allowances are prescribed by Order in Council.

7. All allowances are included in special rates, except allowance in lieu of rations at 50 cents a day, the same as other officers receive.

PUGWASH SPUR LINE.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. What has been the total cost of the spur line of railway built from the main line of the Intercolonial railway into the brickyard at Pugwash, N.S.?

2. What has been the total amount of freight arrived from this spur line?

Mr. REID:

1. The Pugwash spur was built to the brick and tile plant, on the west side of Pugwash harbour, at the request of the Nova Scotia Clay Works, Ltd., they guaranteeing to ship not less than 6,000,000 bricks per year for a term of 15 years, to pay an extra or shunting charge of 20c. per thousand bricks, and to bring in at least 60 cars of coal each year for a period of 15 years, upon which they agreed to pay 20c. per ton as an extra or shunting charge. The cost of this spur line was \$79,432.97.

2. Total Intercolonial earnings on freight delivered from this spur, \$1,026.79.

THE VALE RAILWAY.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. What amount has been expended on the Vale railway since it was taken over by the Government?

2. What has been the receipts from the operation of said road since the date of operation?

3. What has been the cost of operation?

Mr. REID:

1. Since the Government made a tentative agreement for leasing the Vale railway, it has expended \$6,925.52 in operation and maintenance.

2. \$5,245.98.

3. The cost of operation of this section is included in the answer to No. 1.

MAIN STREET SUBWAY, MONCTON.

Mr. COPP:

1. What was the total cost of the Main street subway, Moncton, N.B.?

2. How much was paid for right of way and