

Questions

introduce Bill No. 12, an act respecting grain.

He said: This revision and rearrangement of the Canada Grain Act is in accordance with the recommendations of the select standing committee on agriculture and colonization submitted last year. The work was carried out during the vacation by the Board of Grain Commissioners through their solicitor, Mr. Biggar, and I think this covers the recommendations of the special committee.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

GRADE SEPARATION FUND

Mr. CHURCH:

What sums by provinces have been spent, since its inception in 1902 to the end of 1929, of the grade separation fund, showing the amount contributed by the railways, the municipalities and the fund itself?

Mr. DUNNING:

Expenditure for protection at highway crossings 1909 to December 31, 1929

Province	Grade crossing fund	Municipality	Railway	Total
British Columbia.. . . .	\$ 116,402 16	\$ 317,047 05	\$ 122,068 64	\$ 555,517 85
Alberta.. . . .	122,592 78	278,014 70	207,734 57	608,342 05
Saskatchewan.. . . .	43,695 79	520,896 18	256,129 69	820,721 66
Manitoba.. . . .	16,450 54	47,115 53	53,265 66	116,831 73
Ontario.. . . .	2,066,392 98	4,780,874 00	7,945,204 76	14,792,471 74
Quebec.. . . .	169,593 14	523,589 10	372,484 46	1,065,666 70
New Brunswick.. . . .	60,869 19	53,006 68	74,103 58	187,979 45
Nova Scotia.. . . .	78,257 98	74,117 88	47,341 64	199,717 50
Prince Edward Island.. . . .	450 34	675 50	1,125 84
	\$2,674,704 90	\$6,594,661 12	\$9,079,008 50	\$18,348,374 52

CANADIAN NAVY

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Is it the intention of the government to scrap Canada's navy?
2. What does Canada's navy cost to maintain annually?
3. What does Canada's navy now consist of and where is it now located?

Mr. MALCOLM (for Mr. Ralston):

1. No.
2. Total cost of the Canadian naval service for the fiscal year 1928-29, \$1,836,487.65.
3. H.M.C.S. Champlain (destroyer) based on Halifax, N.S. H.M.C.S. Vancouver (destroyer), based on Esquimalt, B.C. H.M.C.S. Festubert and Ypres (minesweepers), based on Halifax, N.S. H.M.C.S. Armentieres and Thiepval (minesweepers), based on Esquimalt, B.C.

POSTAL SERVICE—AIRPLANES

Mr. WHITE (Mount Royal):

1. What was the amount of expenditure by the government upon the purchase or rental of airplanes for the postal service in the calendar year 1929?
2. What was the amount of revenue derived from the airplane postal service in the same year?
3. What was the amount of expenditure in operation and maintaining of the airplane postal service in the same year?

Mr. WHITE (Mount Royal): Dropped.
[Mr. Malcolm.]

ROBERT ATKINSON

Mr. MACDONALD (Cape Breton South):

1. Has the Post Office department been advised of the conduct of Robert Atkinson, of Glace Bay, who on February 6th, 1930, carried the mails to safety at the imminent risk of his life?
2. If so, what steps, if any, have been taken by the department to officially recognize this man's bravery and devotion to duty?

Mr. VENIOT:

1. Yes.
2. Taking steps to ascertain exact conditions with a view to assisting him.

NORTH VANCOUVER RIFLE RANGE

Mr. ESLING:

In connection with the expropriation of land in North Vancouver for the purpose of a rifle range, what sums of money for legal expenses have been paid to the firm of Macdonald and Prenter of Vancouver, or to either member of this firm?

Mr. MALCOLM (for Mr. Ralston): \$1,039.57 was paid to Mr. A. B. MacDonald.

FARM LOANS—BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. ESLING:

1. Since the organization of the board, how many applications for farm loans have been received from British Columbia?
2. How many applications have been granted?