

Questions

4. By whom was he recommended?
 5. Were tenders asked and an examination held in connection with said contract?
 6. What price was allotted to the person who at present holds the contract?

Mr. SAUVE:

1. No. Service performed under a temporary arrangement which expired at the close of last season.
 2. See No. 1.
 3. Mr. Willie Boudreau.
 4. Mr. C. J. Belanger.
 5. No.
 6. \$25 per trip—temporary agreement.

TOBACCO STATISTICS

Mr. GOTT:

1. How many pounds of tobacco, raw leaf, were imported into Canada for the 12 months ending March 31, 1932: (a) from the United States; (b) from other countries?
 2. How much manufactured tobacco was imported for the same period from all countries?
 3. How much excise duty was collected on cigarettes for the year ending March 31, 1931?
 4. How much in excise or other taxes was collected by the government of Canada, all branches, from the tobacco industry, all branches, for the same period?
 5. How much tobacco was exported from Canada during the same period?
 6. To what countries was it exported?
 7. How many cigarettes were manufactured and sold in Canada from which excise duty was collected for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1932?
 8. What was the total excise duty collected?

Mr. RYCKMAN:

1. (a) 12,216,403 pounds; (b) 858,932 pounds.
 2. 308,403 pounds.
 3. \$30,499,222.84.
 4. Import duties collected on manufactured tobacco in the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1931, \$631,237; excise taxes and excise duties, \$42,489,989.39.

Note—Sales tax not included being not available as separate statistics for each commodity are not maintained.

5 and 6. Exports of Canadian tobacco, by countries, fiscal year ended 31st March, 1931:

Country	Domestic produce Lbs.	Foreign produce Lbs.
Great Britain.. . . .	4,820,608	41
Australia.	28	-
Barbados.	120	-
Bermuda.	318	-
British South Africa..	17	-
Ceylon.	7	-
Hong Kong.	5	-
Jamaica.	1,041	-
Malta.	2,418	-

[Mr. Casgrain.]

Country	Domestic produce Lbs.	Foreign produce Lbs.
Newfoundland.	26,480	-
New Zealand.	649	-
Nigeria.	16,435	-
Belgium.	949,886	-
Canary Islands.	32,510	-
China.	269,609	-
Denmark.	11,074	-
France.	114	-
French Oceania.	-	20
Germany.	10,203	-
Japan.	2,525	-
Miquelon & St. Pierre.	445	15
Netherlands.	133,958	38,306
Panama.	12	-
Switzerland.	28,005	-
United States.	15,600	5,900
Totals.	6,322,067	44,282

7. Manufactured, 4,343,670,199 cigarettes; entered for consumption, 4,401,628,785 cigarettes.

8. As of 31st March, 1932, \$49,322,471.37.

* PERMANENT FORCE ARTILLERY STORES

Mr. MacINNIS:

1. What is the total value of the spare parts kept in store for the repair of the mechanized apparatus used by the artillery units of the permanent force of Canada as at the commencement of each of the years from 1928 to 1931, inclusive?
 2. What was the total value of the spare parts taken from store and used by, or in connection with, the artillery units during each of the years from 1928 to 1931, inclusive?
 3. Are the above mentioned stores kept in Ottawa and, if not, in what part or parts of the country are they located?
 4. Are public tenders called in the purchase and replacement of these stores and, if not, what method of purchase is employed?

Mr. BENNETT: I think, by common consent, it will be agreed that the question should not be answered. It is not in the public interest, as that term has been defined in British countries, that questions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 should be answered. Question No. 4 will be answered. I may say, as parliament votes the money and provides in the first instance the uses to which it may be put, it is certainly not in the interest of the public nor in that of the administration of the department that answers should be given to the first three questions.

Mr. SPEAKER: Paragraphs Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of question No. 6 dropped, and paragraph No. 4 will stand.