

Questions

that a bond has been issued in Canada by the Dominion government bearing a four per cent coupon. Having that in mind I think we have reason to be very grateful that the whole amount has been subscribed by the public.

I should like in this connection formally to recognize the splendid work which was done by the national committee under the chairmanship of Sir Charles Gordon and the vice-chairmanship of Victor Drury, and by the members and associates who have worked so hard to bring about this successful issue.

On motion of Mr. Guthrie the house adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16, 1932

The house met at three o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

FEDERAL CHARTERS GRANTED 1931-32

Mr. RINFRET:

1. How many federal charters were granted by the companies branch during the last fiscal year, 1931-32?

2. What was the revenue of the companies branch during the same year?

3. How many charters were granted: (a) in 1928-29; (b) in 1929-30; (c) in 1931-32?

4. What was the revenue of the companies branch during these same years?

Sir GEORGE PERLEY:

1. Letters patent.. . . .	760
Supplementary letters patent.. . .	197

Total.. . . .	957
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2. \$263,833.

3. (a) Letters patent.. . . .	1,202
Supplementary letters patent.. . .	328

Total.. . . .	1,530
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(b) Letters patent.. . . .	1,280
Supplementary letters patent.. . .	328

Total.. . . .	1,608
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(c) Letters patent.. . . .	760
Supplementary letters patent.. . .	197

Total.. . . .	957
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4. (a) \$711,314; (b) \$651,241; (c) \$263,833.
[Mr. Rhodes.]

DISMISSALS OF GASPE EMPLOYEES

Mr. GOBEL:

1. Were there some dismissals of federal government employees for political partisanship in the county of Gaspé, Quebec, from October 1, 1926, to October 1, 1927?

2. If so, on whose recommendation were such dismissals made?

Sir GEORGE PERLEY:

1. Yes, 38.

2. 23 on recommendation of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux; 15 on recommendation of the hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

NATIONAL RESOURCES INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

Mr. FAFARD:

1. Are steps now being taken to transfer the natural resources intelligence branch from the Interior department to the Department of Trade and Commerce?

2. If such transfer is to be effected, to what branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce is the transferred branch to be attached?

3. What are the functions of the natural resources intelligence branch?

4. What is the number of persons employed in that branch?

5. Out of the total number of persons employed in that branch, how many have been born in Canada?

Mr. MURPHY:

1. There is no such branch in the Interior department. The work formerly done by the national resources intelligence branch is now part of the work done by the national development bureau.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. The national development bureau is a bureau of information on Canada's resources, development, and geography and for the promotion of the sound development of Canada's national estate.

4. 71.

5. 52.

CENTRAL GOLD RESERVE

Mr. SPENCER:

What was the amount of money in the central gold reserve on the 31st of October, 1932: (1) in gold; (2) in dominion notes?

Mr. RHODES:

(1) \$11,081,733.32; (2) \$10,300,000.

MOTION FOR PAPERS

ALBERTA ELEVATORS—OVERAGES

Mr. E. J. GARLAND (Bow River) moved:

For return showing the overages of each elevator company operating in the province of Alberta during each of the last ten years.