

which has prevailed with regard to the matter referred to in this question.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.**

Mr. DUFF:

1. Who is in charge of the Department of Public Information?
2. How much did the said Department cost during the year 1918?
3. What is the total outlay in connection with the publication of the Official Record to date?
4. Who is the editor, and what salary does he draw per annum?
5. With reference to the fact that a speech delivered by the Hon. Minister of Immigration and Colonization at Toronto on January 10, 1919, was published in the Canadian Official Record, are the columns of the above named journal open for the publication of a speech by a member of the Opposition?
6. Is it the intention of the Government to continue the publication of the Canadian Official Record? If so, how long?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. M. E. Nichols, Director; Dr. Geo. H. Locke, Associate Director.
2. Approximately \$79,000
3. To March 1, 1919, \$21,980.
4. The Official Record is under the direction of the Director of Public Information. The News Editor is Mr. Roland Hill, salary \$200 per month.
5. The address of the Minister of Immigration and Colonization, as also certain other addresses, were published in the official record in order to give the public information as to the plans and procedure adopted by the Government in carrying out the work of demobilization, repatriation and land settlement. It is not the intention to publish further addresses by members of the Government.
6. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

**CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.**

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Are the locomotives, material, buildings, stations, sheds for cars, locomotive trucks, workshops, and elevators of the Intercolonial Railway insured against fire?
2. If so, for what amount, in what companies, and by whom was the said insurance placed?
3. What is the amount of earnings of traffic, passenger, merchandise, Royal Mail, express, and other earnings?
4. What are the gross earnings of the Intercolonial Railway?
4. What are the gross earnings of the Government Railways for the last three years?
6. What was the cost of exploitation of the Intercolonial Railway traction wagons, keeping the upkeep of the roadbed, station, etc.?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.

[Sir Thomas White.]

3. Intercolonial Railway for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1918, \$18,758,186.41.

4. See answer to No. 3.

5. Gross earnings of Government Railways for fiscal year, 1915-16, \$18,427,908.66; 1916-17, \$23,539,758.61; 1917-18, \$27,240,956.87.

6. Cost of maintenance of equipment, way and structures is as follows, for the fiscal year 1917-18; maintenance of equipment, \$3,660,110.34; maintenance of way and structures, \$3,996,415.23.

MR. J. K. L. LAFLAMME.

\*Mr CASGRAIN:

1. Is Mr. J. K. L. Laflamme still private secretary to the Postmaster General, the Honourable P. E. Blondin? If not, why were his services dispensed with?
2. Does he occupy any position in the Government service at the present time? If so, what position and what is his salary?

Hon. Mr. ROWELL:

1. Not presently. His temporary transfer has been requested by the Department of Public Information as editor of the French edition of the Canadian Official Record.
2. Chief clerk, I-B, of Post Office Department at \$2,800.

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION PAPERS.**

\*Mr. EDWARDS:

1. Are the examination papers for the Civil Service Commission printed in their own offices?
2. Who is in charge of the printing plant of the Commission?
3. By whom, and upon whose recommendation was the Commission's confidential printer appointed?
4. Who was Secretary of State when the appointment was made?
5. Who previously held the position of confidential printer to the Commission and why was he removed from office?

Hon. Mr. BURRELL:

1. Yes.
2. John Joseph McCann.
3. By the Governor in Council under the provisions of Section 21 Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908, on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission.
4. Hon. Charles Murphy.
5. Mr. Chas. Hudson was sent by the King's Printer to install the printing plant and his services were loaned for the printing of the papers for the examinations held in the months of March and May, 1909. When a permanent appointment became necessary Mr. McCann was selected and appointed to the position.

"TI-NOIR" DESJARDINS.

\*Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Has the Order of the House issued for the production of a copy of all correspondence