

Questions

1918-19, living allowance and travelling expenses, \$1,074.75.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—SALARIES

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. How many officials or officers of the Canadian National system receive salaries or remuneration amounting to \$15,000 per year or over?

2. What was the total amount paid by the Canadian National system for salaries or other remuneration amounting in each case to \$15,000 per year or more in the year 1924?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, this is a peculiar question in that it seeks to have the Canadian National Railways give to the public information which no other railway company gives. It really is asking the railway owned by the government to do something that no other railway company in Canada is asked to do, or does, or, possibly, would do. I may say this, however. The management of the Canadian National Railways are very much averse to giving this information, for the reasons I have suggested. I have urged them to give it in this case, particularly as it relates only to the higher paid officials and does not include the employees in general. With that understanding—that it is not opening the door to a series of questions that will be handing the entire information as to salaries over to the public for use by other companies, information which if given would also give rise to endless jealousies in the staff itself—I am prepared to answer the question. The answer being confined within the limits I have stated, I do not think it will do any appreciable harm.

The answer is as follows:

1. 17.
2. \$350,083.33.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—EQUIPMENT

Sir HENRY DRAYTON:

1. What amount of equipment was purchased by or for the Canadian National system in each of the years 1922, 1923 and 1924?

2. What was the total amount charged for equipment in the system's books at the close of the year 1924?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

- 1.
- 1922.. . . . \$ 28,737 50
- 1923.. . . . 29,959,452 28
- 1924.. . . . 14,487,162 27
- (Including sales tax totalling \$1,686,885.22.)
2. \$346,896,425.29.

ST. LEONARD SUB-COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

Mr. DOUCET:

1. When did the position of sub-collector of Customs and Excise at St. Leonard's Madawaska county, New Brunswick, become vacant?

[Mr. Copp.]

2. When were applications called by the Civil Service Commission for the filling of this vacancy?

3. How many applications were received?

4. What are the names of the successful applicants?

5. Was an order issued by the commission to one Joseph Desjardines to report for duty and on what date?

6. Was that order withdrawn? If so, on what date and why?

7. When does the Department of Customs and Excise propose appointing a permanent official to that position?

Hon. Mr. COPP:

1. August 31, 1924, through the death of the sub-collector.

2. September 10, 1924.

3. One.

4. Mr. E. J. Roy.

5. Not to this position.

6. Answered by No. 5.

7. E. J. Roy permanently appointed from December 1, 1924.

WAR REPARATIONS

Mr. BLACK (Halifax):

1. What action is being taken to settle claims for reparations?

2. When is it expected that these claims will be paid?

Hon. Mr. COPP:

1. The appointment of a successor to the late Hon. William Pugsley, the commissioner appointed to consider the report upon claims for reparation, is under consideration.

2. On the completion of the report of the Reparation Commissioner the subject will be dealt with.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

REVENUE OF CANADA

Mr. ROSS (Simcoe):

1. What was the total revenue of Canada for the years ending 31st March, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, respectively, from the following sources, import duty, excise duties, excise taxes, income war tax, business profits war tax, any other sources?

2. What per cent of the amount received was the cost of collection in each case?

GRAIN ELEVATORS

Hon. Mr. STEVENS:

1. How many grain elevators are owned or operated (a) by Dominion government; (b) harbour commissioners under control of the minister of marine; (c) by the Canadian National Railways; (d) or sublet from any of the above?

2. Where is each elevator located, what is the type of construction, and what is the storage capacity of each?

3. What was the cost of each, exclusive of site?

4. What was the cost of each, including site?

5. What is the number and kind of separator, cleaner and dryer in each?