

9. Had General D. M. Ormond any experience in the administration of penitentiaries or prisons?
10. What were his special qualifications for the appointment?
11. By whom was he recommended to the Minister of Justice?

Mr. CAHAN:

1. August 1, 1932.
2. Retired under Civil Service Superannuation Act on account of age.
3. (a) A certificate of appointment was issued May 12, 1932. Appointee reported for duty August 1, 1932. (b) Yes.
4. Sixty, and a report was made by the Board of Examiners.
5. Brigadier-General Daniel Ormond, C.M.G., D.S.O. and bar, Croix de Guerre (French), Russian Order of St. Stanislas, third class, with swords.
6. The procedure was as follows: (a) All applications examined; (b) applicants not entitled to the returned soldier preference set aside (eleven); (c) particular examination of qualifications of forty-nine returned soldier applicants, eliminating those not considered qualified for any reason such as age, physical condition, education, experience, executive experience, administrative ability, and so forth. This resulted in all but five candidates being eliminated; (d) five outstanding candidates considered; (e) a list was prepared containing two names.
7. First.
8. Yes.
9. No.

10. Special executive and administrative experience in important commands in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and, since the war, in commanding military districts in Canada; his legal training (having practised as a barrister before the war) was also of considerable value in filling a position of superintendent of penitentiaries.

11. No recommendation made to Minister of Justice.

CRUISERS COLBOURNE AND CHOMEDY

Mr. HEENAN:

1. What is the total number of coloured cooks, stewards and firemen employed on the Vagabond cruisers, Colbourne and Chomedy, sailing between Canada and the West Indies?
2. What percentage of the above are coloured Canadian citizens?

Mr. MANION:

1. The coloured ratings on each of these vessels consist of three cooks, seven stewards, and eight firemen, a total of 36.
2. All are West Indians except the three cooks on the Chomedy, who are Canadians.

*NICKEL INDUSTRIES

Mr. SPENCER:

How much control has the federal government over the nickel industries in Canada?

Mr. BENNETT: I think this is hardly a proper question. It is well known, of course, that all the nickel is mined in provinces that have control of their resources, though of course it might be possible for the parliament of Canada to pass an export act. It might be answered that the jurisdiction and control of the federal government are set out in section 91 of the British North America Act, but that answer would not assist the hon. member very much. I suggest that the question be withdrawn, because it would merely be answered in the way I have indicated. I do not want to be unfair at all.

Mr. SPENCER: Dropped.

Question dropped.

QUEBEC, MONTREAL AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Mr. TETREAUULT:

1. Was the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway purchased by the Canadian National Railways?
2. If so, how much money was paid for this railroad?
3. Who was it paid to?
4. Who were the owners?
5. How many miles of track were sold?
6. How long was this railway operated by the Canadian National?
7. Is this service discontinued on the whole of the railroad, and if not, on how many miles?
8. How much rolling stock was acquired with the purchase?

Mr. MANION:

1. Yes; in accordance with the provisions of chap. 15, 19-20 George V (Canada) 1929.
 2. Six million dollars.
 3. To the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company.
 4. The Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company.
 5. One hundred and ninety-one miles.
 6. Since July 16, 1929.
 7. Service has been discontinued between St. Hyacinthe and Noyan, a distance of 50.03 miles, and between Fortierville and Beququets, a distance of 4.7 miles, a total of 54.73 miles.
 8. Locomotives... .. 14
 Freight car equipment... .. 1,441
 Passenger car equipment... .. 17
 Work equipment... .. 18
 Self-propelled passenger cars... .. 3
- Total... .. 1,493