

1. Mr. H. A. F. McLeod has reported on the feasibility and cost of construction of the south-eastern terminus of the Trent canal.

2. Answer to No. 1 disposes of this question.

3. Yes.

CANADIAN NATIONAL GALLERY.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria) asked :

1. How much has the government already expended within the last seven years for pictures, paintings, and other works of art for the Canadian National Gallery, or for other purposes ?

2. What sums have been expended for the works of Canadian artists ?

3. Under whose supervision are these works of art selected ?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. James Sutherland) :

1. \$9,250 for pictures, &c., \$3,635.58 caretaker's salary, and \$1,964.81 for repairs, &c.

2. \$1,720 for painting, &c., and \$330 for statuary.

3. On the recommendation of two members of the Royal Canadian Academy and a representative of the Department of Public Works.

THE DISTURBANCES AT SAULT STE. MARIE.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Halifax). Before the Orders of the day are called, I would like to ask the government whether they have any further information as to the disturbance at the Sault, which would seem to have been of a somewhat more serious character than was anticipated by my right hon. friend yesterday. I observe from the newspaper reports that two men were shot, one named Dault, from Lake St. John, Quebec, and another named Grenier, from Ottawa. The report states that Dault was shot in the neck and Grenier in the leg. Another report indicates that one of these men was very seriously injured. It has even been reported—I do not know with what truth—that he has died. It would also appear that some portion of the permanent force of the country has been called out. I would like to ask my hon. friend what is the total force, whether permanent or militia, now engaged in subduing the disturbance, and under what circumstances they have been called out. There is a further newspaper report to the effect that a bulletin has been placed on the door of the company's offices in the following terms:

Officers and employees of the Consolidated Lake Superior and Subsidiary Companies: The president and directors in New York have been unable to raise money to pay to-day the wages and salaries now due the men and officers of the company. Advice received from New York this morning indicates that our president and directors have a plan to raise the money to not only pay the men, but to start up the works,

that seems to promise success. The plan has the endorsement and promise of support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, and it is expected to produce the necessary money within thirty days. While we regret very much the inability of the company to pay to-day, the fact remains that there is not money to pay with. There seems to be only one thing left for the men to do, and that is to accept the offer of work elsewhere, leaving their checks with friends, responsible attorneys, or business men, to collect and send to them when the company pays them. Bear in mind that your wages will have to be paid ultimately, and constitute a just obligation against the company, which all the property and other assets of the company will ultimately be liable for. Any men who cannot get free transportation to new work can no doubt get enough money advanced on their time checks by business houses to pay their way to their new work.

There are just these points on which I would like my hon. friend to give information. What is the situation in Sault Ste. Marie with respect to this disturbance? What portion of the permanent force has been called out? What portion of the militia force is also on duty there? At whose instance have these forces been called out? And what truth is there in the statement affixed to the door of the company's offices that some plan has been proposed to the government, which has the endorsement and the promise of the Prime Minister, by which it is expected the necessary money will be obtained to pay the men their wages?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The statement which my hon. friend has read with regard to a plan for raising money has not been submitted to me, and I do not know exactly what it means. I have only to say that no plan of any kind for raising money has been submitted to me, either directly or indirectly. With regard to the condition of things at Sault Ste. Marie, the last information that I have personally received is from Mr. Dymont, a member of this House, who wired me late last evening to this effect:

Trouble here has somewhat subsided. Don't anticipate further rioting after arrival of troops to-day. Many arrests made. Policemen injured and two rioters shot, but not fatally. Troops now guarding government canal and allied companies works.

As to the other question, it will be answered by my hon. friend the Minister of Militia.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE (Hon. Sir F. W. Borden). The municipal authorities at Sault Ste. Marie applied, under the clause of the Militia Act providing for such a contingency, to the senior military officer there, the colonel of the 97th regiment, for protection. The company at the Sault was accordingly called out by that officer, and I think a company was brought from the adjacent village of Thessalon. Finding the matter more serious