

addition thereto there was issued transportation in lieu of cash for advertising space in newspapers in Canada only \$197,225.39.

SAINT JOHN VALLEY RAILWAY

Mr. FRASER:

What is being done by the government in the matter of the Saint John Valley railway?

Mr. DUNNING:

The possible acquisition of the Saint John and Quebec railway, and certain other railways throughout Canada, is under consideration by the government and the management of Canadian National Railways.

ASHTON, ONT., POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. GARLAND (Carleton):

1. Has there been a change in the postmaster-ship at Ashton, Ontario, during the past year?
2. If so, who is the present postmaster and when was he appointed?
3. Who recommended his appointment?

Mr. VENIOT:

1, 2 and 3. Postmaster A. L. Tubman tendered his resignation in February last. The vacancy was advertised in usual way and a certificate has now been received from the Civil Service Commission covering the appointment of Mr. W. H. Bigford. Arrangements are being made for the transfer to the commission's nominee.

SEIZURES OF WINES AND SPIRITS 1923-1927

Mr. CANTLEY:

1. What was the total quantity of wines or/and spirits seized, condemned or confiscated by officers of the Department of Revenue during each of the years 1923-1924-1925-1926-1927, in each of the several provinces of Canada?
2. What was the proportion of (a) wines, (b) spirits, so seized or confiscated?
3. What disposal was made of such wines and/or spirits so seized, condemned or confiscated?
4. What are the quantities of (a) wines, (b) spirits so seized, condemned or confiscated, now stored in (a) Halifax, (b) Pictou, (c) Sydney, (d) North Sydney and (e) other points in Nova Scotia?
5. Have any wines or spirits so seized, condemned or confiscated been sold or transferred to any of the several provincial liquor commissions?
6. If so, to what commissions, what quantities were sold, at what dates and at what prices in each case?

Mr. EULER: Mr. Speaker, there is no disposition on the part of the department to refuse the information asked for by my hon. friend, but to furnish it would necessitate the services of four or five clerks for a period extending over five or six months, the mate-

rial being so voluminous. Perhaps he will amend his question, or drop it altogether, for I doubt whether it would be worth while to expend so much time on furnishing the desired information.

Mr. CANTLEY: I will consult the minister in regard to it.

Mr. SPEAKER: Stands.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

INVERNESS COUNTY—POSTMASTERS DISMISSED

Mr. MACDOUGALL:

1. How many postmasters were dismissed in the county of Inverness since the present Postmaster General assumed office?
2. What are their names?
3. On whose recommendation did the department dismiss them?
4. For what reason were dismissals made?

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

GOVERNMENT AID TO RAILWAYS

Mr. CHURCH:

For a return showing: 1. The Federal aid granted to the (a) Toronto and Eastern Railway, (b) the Canadian Northern Railway (on section Toronto to Trenton), and the cost of said systems and the terms on which these two systems became the property of the government, and what has been done with these properties.

2. The number of miles of these systems now torn up and abandoned or unused, and the loss attending.

3. The amounts spent on right of way and what sales have been made of these lands.

4. The amounts received from salvage of the tearing up of these systems. What has been torn up, how was it disposed of, to whom, for what sums, and what tenders were received.

5. The loss to the country on account of (a) capital, (b) maintenance, by such abandonment.

6. For a copy of a contract or agreement to sell the Toronto and Eastern to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission applied for by the late Sir Adam Beck.

YPRES, SASKATCHEWAN, POST OFFICE

Mr. CAMPBELL:

For a copy of all papers, letters, and other correspondence, in connection with an application for the removal of the post office of Ypres, Saskatchewan, from its present location.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, HUDSON BAY AND FLIN FLON MINING COMPANIES

Mr. SENN:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, reports, orders in council, leases, agreements or other documents, relating to the Flin Flon mine, and/or the Hudson Bay Mining Company, between the Department of the Interior and the Hudson Bay Mining Company and the Flin Flon Mining Company and/or their solicitors and agents; and any other department of the government.