

Questions

2. Investigation was directed and all transactions with regard to bonded warehouse were found to be regular.

3. Yes.

4. A solicitor was appointed to represent the crown and prosecute the company if evidence available warranted. Solicitor reported that evidence not sufficient to obtain conviction against company or any agent thereof.

5. Answered by No. 4.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—FREE
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River):

1. Did the railway commission recently rule that free transportation on the railways of Canada was to be granted to deputy ministers and their families?

2. Do any civil servants and (or) their families enjoy free or reduced fares on the railways of Canada?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM:

1. By general order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, No. 274, dated 20th November, 1919, the railway companies under the jurisdiction of the board were permitted to issue free transportation to certain officials of the government of Canada—amongst others, deputy ministers of the federal government and those having the rank of deputy ministers. Under date 9th March, 1925, by order No. 38140, the said general order No. 274 was amended, upon the application of the Railway Association of Canada, dated June 12, 1922, by adding at the end of clause (f) of order No. 274 the words—"and the dependent members of their families."

2. Reduced fares on government railways formerly granted to civil servants were abolished some years ago.

The only civil servants who may now receive free transportation are those referred to in answer No. 1 and (a) officers and employees of the Department of Railways and Canals, or their families; (b) ministers' secretaries; (c) certain officials of the Departments of Customs, Immigration and the Post Office, in the discharge of their duties.

STEAMER MURRAY STEWART

Mr. SIMPSON:

1. Is the steamer Murray Stewart still in the service of the Department of Marine and Fisheries?

2. Was this steamer purchased from or named after the Mr. Stewart of Toronto, recently connected with the Home Bank?

3. What was the price paid by the government for this boat?

4. What was the total cost of operating this steamer during 1924, including repairs, supplies, wages of crew, etc.?

5. How many days during the season of navigation in 1924 was she in active service, and how many days

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was she tied up to the dock at Parry Sound or elsewhere?

6. Has the department found this boat suitable for the work in which she is engaged?

Hon. Mr. CARDIN:

1. Yes.

2. Purchased from James Frederick Martin Stewart.

3. \$80,000.

4. \$27,208.38.

5. Commissioned April 20, 1924, to September 30, 1924, and from November 25, 1924, to December 23, 1924.

6. Yes.

FRENCH OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Mr. DOUCET:

1. Why was the introduction to the Annual Report on Education in Canada, for 1923, published and distributed by the Statistical bureau, not translated into French?

2. Is it the intention of the government to restrict, in the future, the number of French official publications?

Hon. Mr. LOW:

1. The introduction to the Annual Report on Education for 1923 has been translated into French. A separate edition in French of this report is being issued.

2. No.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR
RETURN

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY—SUPPLIES

*Hon. Mr. BAXTER:

1. By what firms or persons were groceries and other provisions supplied to Dorchester penitentiary last year?

2. Were tenders called for these supplies?

3. What were the quantities and prices?

Hon. Mr. LAPOINTE: The answer to this question is a most voluminous one. If my hon. friend insists on having it answered I have no objection. I think the purpose will be served by changing it into an order for return and I will reply immediately. The question asks for all the supplies sold to Dorchester penitentiary.

Mr. MEIGHEN: All right.

PEACE RIVER RAILWAY OUTLET

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. D. M. KENNEDY (West Edmonton): Has the Minister of Railways received the Peace river transportation report? If not, does he not think it is time to call a conference, or do something else to get somewhere on the question?