

Machinery Depot Co., Ltd., Victoria, B.C., 2; J. Coughlan & Sons, Vancouver, B.C., 4; N. S. Steel & Coal Co., New Glasgow, N.S., 2; Prince Rupert Dry Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert, B.C., 2; Br. American Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Welland, Ont., 2; Dom. Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont., 2; Midland Shipbuilding Co., Midland, Ont., 1.

3. Contracts were placed after offers had been received from the several yards and prices and other details agreed upon.

4. Answered by No. 3.

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RIVIERE-DU-LOUP WORKSHOPS.

* Mr. GAUVREAU:

1. What quantity of machinery was taken away from the C.N.R. workshops at Rivière-du-Loup and transported to St. Malo, up to March 1, 1920?

2. How many employees were transferred from the said workshops at St. Malo?

3. How many machines and employees does the C.N.R. Commission propose to take away from Rivière-du-Loup to use at St. Malo?

4. Is it the intention of the Department of Railways to stop the alleged destruction of property of the Rivière-du-Loup workshops?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. Nineteen machines.

2. Sixty employees.

3. Total of 90 employees and 19 machines. Transfer to the latter has been completed.

4. There has been no destruction of property at Rivière du Loup and it is not the intention to transfer any additional machinery.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—STATISTICS.

Mr. DEMERS:

Are the reports prepared by British statisticians, fixing Canada's contributions in the Great War to the number of 640,648 men, considered accurate by the Canadian Government?

Hon. Mr. GUTHRIE: Until all the documents from which complete and authentic statistics can be compiled have been returned from overseas and properly allocated, no figures can be verified or considered accurate, but have to be accepted as the nearest possible estimate obtainable from sources through the medium of cable or telegraph, and, as such, are liable to amendment.

So far as is ascertainable from such telegraphic reports, there were:

(a) Grand total recruited in Canada for Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war up to 31st December, 1918, (exclusive of those enlisted for Naval Service, Royal Air Force, Imperial Mechanical Transport,

Inland Water Transport, and exclusive of British and Allied reservists) 591,472; (b) Enlisted in England up to 31st December, 1918, 1,733; (c) Enlisted in Canada for overseas service other than Canadian Expeditionary Force, 21,169; (d) British and Allied Reservists (exclusive of (c)), 14,590. Total, 628,964.

NEWSPRINT CONTROLLER.

Mr. DEMERS:

For what reason did Mr. R. A. Pringle, K.C., Controller of Newsprint Paper, resign?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Mr. Pringle in his letter of resignation made the following statement:

"I am afraid I will have to ask you to relieve me from the distribution of newsprint. I may say that for the last two or three months the matter has been most troublesome and has been taking my whole time. Some of the manufacturers, as you are aware, are refusing to comply with my orders, which will necessitate drastic action being taken. My staff is limited and the work is becoming very burdensome. You have other departments of the Government under which this distribution could probably be better carried on, and orders enforced."

FARMERS' ACCOUNT BOOK.

Mr. DEMERS:

1. When was the "Farmers' Accountant Book" printed by the Government?

2. Has the French edition of the said book been printed? If so, when?

Hon. Mr. SIFTON:

1. The Farmer's Account Book was printed in 1918.

2. A French edition of 2,000 copies has been printed, and delivered January 13, 1920.

Another 3,000 copies are now being printed at the Printing Bureau, and will be delivered in due course.

"TI-NOIR" DESJARDINS.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

1. Is the Government aware that "Ti-noir" Desjardins was arrested in the city of Hull, Canada, for murder, a month ago, and that he has been temporarily given his freedom while awaiting his trial?

2. Has the Government furnished bail in this case as it did at Montreal when the said "Ti-noir" Desjardins was arrested for conspiracy?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.