

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, May 7, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

#### REPORT.

Canal statistics for the season of navigation, 1916.—Hon. J. D. Reid.

#### QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### ENLISTMENTS FOR OVERSEAS.

Mr. PARDEE:

1. How many men have gone overseas to the United Kingdom and been returned to Canada without going to France?

2. What was the cost to the Dominion of Canada in connection with these men?

3. How many British Columbia men have gone to Eastern points and been returned to British Columbia without going overseas?

4. What was the cost to the Dominion of Canada in connection with these men?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. There is no record in the department as to whether men who have gone overseas from Canada, and have been returned to Canada, have or have not gone to France.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3 and 4. Owing to the numerous transfers and discharges that are continually taking place, it is not possible to give a definite answer without searching the record of every man who has applied for enlistment, has been accepted, rejected on re-examination, and finally accepted, etc. If the hon. member will give individual names, immediate action will be taken to supply him with the desired information.

#### FRANCES HENRY CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. NESBITT:

1. What amount was paid Frances Henry Cunningham for military services since August, 1914?

2. What amount of money was paid said Frances Henry Cunningham for expenses in connection with his military services during same period?

3. Was any amount paid him for inspection and purchase of horses during same period?

4. Was any amount paid him as Inspector of Fisheries during same period?

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5. Was any amount paid him on account of expenses as Inspector of Fisheries?

Mr. PATENAUDE:

1. \$93.75—1st to 25th September, 1914.

2. Expense travel, 70c.; express charges, \$7.79.

3. Yes; \$808 pay and expenses.

4. Yes; regular salary has been paid and ordinary travelling expenses incurred on official duties have been refunded.

5. Answered by No. 4.

#### ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Mr. BUCHANAN:

1. Is the Economic and Development Commission still in existence?

2. For what purpose was this Commission appointed?

3. Has it made any report or reports to the Government?

4. If so, what is the nature of such report or reports?

5. Is any action being taken by the Government on these reports?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER:

1. Yes.

2. For the purposes as set out in Order in Council, P.C. 1517.

3. No report has been made, but the duties of the commission, being largely advisory, their views on certain subjects have been discussed informally with the Government for the purpose of advising or assisting the Government touching many subjects upon which it has been necessary to take action either by way of legislation or otherwise.

4. Answered by No. 3.

5. Answered by No. 3.

#### IMPORTATION OF RIFLES.

Mr. CURRIE:

1. How many rifles of military pattern except British were imported into Canada during each of the fiscal years since 1905?

2. Has the Government prohibited the importation of such rifles?

3. If so, when?

4. Has the Government considered the advisability of ordering holders of these arms to hand the same over to the authorities during the duration of the war?

Mr. PATENAUDE:

1. As far as can be ascertained from the records in the Militia Department, no rifles