

Questions

PREMIUMS ON GUARANTEED BONDS

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo):

1. How much has been paid by each department of the government as premiums on guarantee bonds in each of the years 1929, 1930, and 1931?

2. What losses, if any, have been sustained by each department of the government on account of defalcations during the years 1929, 1930, and 1931?

3. What amount, if any, of such losses has been paid to the government by the bonding companies?

4. Does the government propose to put into operation the suggestion of the Auditor General to revise the regulations in regard to the bonding of officials to meet present day conditions and requirements?

ST. HYACINTHE—ROUVILLE, CENSUS

Mr. FONTAINE:

1. Who was in charge of the organization and the management of the 1931 census, in the county of St. Hyacinthe-Rouville, and what amounts were paid to this person for his services?

2. Who acted as census enumerator in each municipality of the county of St. Hyacinthe-Rouville, and what amounts did each person receive for his services?

Mr. STEVENS: This order for return is now tabled.

COMOX-ALBERNI, CENSUS

Mr. NEILL:

What are the names and addresses of all parties in the district of Comox-Alberni employed in the organization, management and taking of the 1931 census in that district, showing in the case of each individual: (a) whether a returned man or not; (b) amount received for his personal remuneration; (c) amount paid him for expenses; also showing the basis on which remuneration and expenses were allowed in each case; and where the use of cars or boats were paid for by the government, the names of the parties to whom payment was made in each case, the amount paid, and the rate allowed?

SURVEY OF NATIONAL PORTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries when the report of Sir Alexander Gibb will be tabled? I see the newspapers have received information which the house has not yet received.

Hon. ALFRED DURANLEAU (Minister of Marine): The second part of the report was received a day or two ago, and my officials are making a synopsis of it. It is a very lengthy report, and I hope to be in a position Monday or Tuesday next to table [Mr. Senn.]

it. As to the reports appearing in the newspapers I can say only that the house will have to judge whether or not they are accurate.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Are they?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I do not think they are entirely accurate.

FORECLOSURE OF FARM MORTGAGES

APPEARANCE OF DOCTOR D. A. MACGIBBON BEFORE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. L. BROWN (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce as to the correctness of an article appearing in the Winnipeg Free Press of March 29, 1932. It is stated here that Mr. D. A. MacGibbon, who is a member of the Board of Grain Commissioners has been refused permission by the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa to appear before a committee of the Manitoba legislature which is making an inquiry regarding possible methods of debt adjustment for farmers who are threatened with foreclosures. If that statement is true, is it done with the authority of the minister, and why?

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The statement is not strictly correct. It is broached in terms that are calculated to be misleading and to create controversy. The facts are these: Doctor MacGibbon was asked to appear before that committee and discuss a certain resolution which was presented to this house. Doctor MacGibbon wired and asked if it was thought desirable for him to appear and discuss the matter. The answer given to Doctor MacGibbon, which I think coincided entirely with his own view in the matter, was that it was undesirable for him, a public servant holding a quasi-judicial position to be involved in a matter which was of a controversial, or might be of a controversial, character, and which certainly was purely provincial. It was my judgment, the judgment of the deputy minister and I think that of Doctor MacGibbon himself, that it would be better for him not to participate in a matter of that character.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

PARTICIPATION OF IRISH FREE STATE—DATE OF OPENING JULY 21

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, before the orders of