

Questions

Mr. GUTHRIE:

1. The McDiarmid Lumber Co., Ltd.
2. \$8 a ton.
3. Yes.
4. The McDiarmid Lumber Co. Ltd., only tender received.
5. Answered by Nos. 3 and 4.

ESCUMINAC EAST POST OFFICE—MAIL CONTRACT

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Has the Escuminac East post office, county of Bonaventure, Quebec, been closed, and for what reason?
2. Has the mail contract held by A. W. Richardson for that office, been cancelled, and is it the intention of the Post Office Department to give the contractor three months' salary in compensation for the cancelling of his contract?
3. On whose recommendation were these changes made?
4. Were any complaints made against this office, and what was their nature?
5. Has any application been received to reopen an office in that district, and from whom?

Mr. SAUVE:

1. Instructions have been given for the closing on June 1, 1931, on account of limited usefulness.
2. Yes; no, contract expires on June 30, 1931.
3. The District Superintendent of Postal Service, Quebec.
4. Yes, charges of active political partisanship.
5. No.

SAGUENAY AND NORTH SHORE INDIAN RESERVES
—HIGHWAYS

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. What was the total amount of money expended last year in order to repair, improve and maintain the various highways, roads and bridges, within the limits of the Indian reserves in the county of Saguenay and on the north shore of the river St. Lawrence?
2. Where were the said moneys expended, and what amount in each case has been so expended?
3. Is it the intention of the government to expend some money this year for the same purposes?
4. Where will the said moneys be expended?
5. How much in each place?

Mr. MURPHY:

1. \$4,698.97.
2. Seven Islands reserve, \$699; Bersimis reserve, \$3,999.97.
3. No.
- 4 and 5. Answered by No. 3.

[Mr. Totzke.]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—DREDGING PROGRAM,
QUEBEC

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. What dredging program does the Department of Public Works intend to execute during the summer and fall of 1931 in the province of Quebec?
2. Where will these works be done?
3. By whom were they recommended?
4. What are the names and numbers of dredges which are to be used in said works?
5. When will these works be started?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, this question in its present form is out of order, as any program that the Department of Public Works has is tentative from time to time. I submit that the question should be dropped.

Mr. CASGRAIN: I should like to know where these various works are to be undertaken and when?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I cannot give my hon. friend any information. As I have said, the program is tentative and in the making.

Mr. SPEAKER: I sustain the objection of the hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Stewart) that the question as framed is out of order. It will have to be dropped.

"ILE AUX COUDRES PIERS"—LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Who was appointed lighthouse keeper of the Ile aux Coudres Piers?
2. How many candidates applied for this position?
3. Were any of the candidates ex-service men?
4. If so, were they not appointed, and why?

Mr. CAHAN:

1. Mr. Joseph Pedneault.
2. Fifteen.
3. Yes, one.
4. No. The only returned soldier candidate was a resident of the mainland, and as there were a number of fully qualified men resident on the island, the Civil Service Commissioners were of the opinion that preference in appointment should go to one of these.

CHARLEVOIX, MONTMORENCY AND SAGUENAY—
LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Were any lighthouse keepers, and light-keepers dismissed in the counties of Charlevoix, Montmorency and Saguenay since July 28, 1930?
2. If so, why were they dismissed?
3. What were the complaints made against these light and lighthouse keepers?