

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, June 2, 1920.

The House met at Three o'clock.

RETURNS TABLED.

Number of persons employed in the Department of the Interior.—Hon. Mr. Sifton.

Number of dismissals from the Civil Service made in the cities of the Dominion since first January, 1915.—Hon. Mr. Sifton.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—COST OF SCAFFOLDING.

*Mr. BROUILLARD:

1. Including the amount paid for the labour and the materials that entered into its construction, and the removal, what was the total cost of the scaffolding erected along the entire front of the old Parliament Building in April, May and June, 1916, prior to taking down the walls and tower?

2. Does the total cost of the said scaffolding form part of the cost of the new Parliament Building?

3. What became of the lumber of which the said scaffolding was built?

Hon. Mr. REID:

1. Lumber, \$4,241.84; bolts and nails, \$512.45; labour, \$5,199.75; total, \$9,954.04.

2. Yes.

3. Lumber to the value of \$553.77 was sold to the Military Hospitals Commission for their building. The remainder has been put into use for general scaffolding, shoring, bracing, etc., during the erection of the new building. The smaller timbers and planks are used up but the larger timbers are still in use.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—COST OF ENGINE REPAIRS.

Mr. GAUVREAU:

Is the Government or the Minister of Railways aware that the amount for repairing an engine at the Canadian National Railways shops, St. Malo, Quebec, is five times higher than it was at the Riviere-du-Loup shops, before the machines of the latter were transferred to St. Malo?

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Hon. Mr. REID: Neither the Government nor the Minister of Railways has any such information.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PAPERS.

Mr. BOURASSA:

For a copy of all papers, documents, telegrams and reports concerning the indemnity paid to the widow and the children of J. L. A. Forbes, killed at Aston Junction, the 11th of September, 1918, while on duty as brakeman on the Government railways.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS.

Mr. HOCKEN:

1. How many members of the staff of the House of Commons are French?

2. How many of the House of Commons staff are English speaking?

3. What proportion of the total salaries is paid to the French officials?

4. What proportion of the salaries is paid to the English-speaking officials?

Mr. PREVOST:

1. What was the total number of chief clerkships on the House of Commons staff in the year 1909?

2. How many of these chief clerkships were held respectively by English-speaking and French-speaking officials in the same year, and what were the names and titles of each chief clerk?

3. How many chief clerkships are held today by English-speaking and French-speaking officials respectively, and what are the names and duties of such chief clerks on the said staff of the House of Commons?

4. What is the present salary of each chief clerk of the said staff, and what was the salary of each in 1913?

Mr. TOBIN:

1. How many chiefs of branches are there on the staff of the House of Commons?

2. How many of them are French?

3. How many of them are English-speaking?

4. What is the total of the annual salaries paid to those who are French-speaking?

5. What is the total of the annual salaries paid to those who are English-speaking?

Mr. BUREAU:

1. How many pages are on the staff of the House of Commons?

2. What is the name, address, and the age of the page in each case?