

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—ROUNDHOUSES

Mr. WOODSWORTH:

1. What is the number of stalls, their length, and the approximate value of the roundhouse of the Canadian National Railways at the Neebing terminal, Fort William, and at Sioux Lookout, Ontario?

2. What was the cost of these structures?

3. Does this value include the heating boilers used in connection with the plant?

Mr. DUNNING:

1. 24 stalls—22 are 99 feet 9 inches long, and two are 129 feet 3 inches long, costing \$181,956.61.

2. Roundhouse, \$181,956.61; Machine shop, \$23,278.41 (94 feet 9 inches by 51 feet); Boiler room, \$38,126.42 (60 feet by 39 feet, 7 inches), including equipment.

3. Yes; boiler room and machine shop adjoin engine house.

CUSTOMS DRAWBACKS

Mr. SMOKE:

1. In the budget statement made by the Minister of Finance does he include, as customs duty, the amounts paid for drawbacks?

2. What sums were paid for customs drawbacks in (a) the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1927; (b) from the 1st April, 1927, to the 31st January, 1928?

Mr. ROBB:

1. No; the figure mentioned represented the estimated net receipts from customs duties for the year.

2. (a) \$14,639,450.94; (b) \$10,536,155.39.

MR. A. GEMMELL

Mr. WILSON (Wentworth):

1. Is Mr. A. Gemmell, of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, employed by the Department of Agriculture?

2. If so, what position does he hold?

3. What salary is attached to the position?

4. Was the appointment made by patronage, or by the Civil Service Commission?

Mr. MOTHERWELL:

1. No.

2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

4. Mr. A. Gemmell was appointed by the Civil Service Commission to a temporary position as egg inspector at North Battleford, with effect from April 18, 1927, and continued in employment till January 23, 1928, when his services terminated.

CAP-ST-IGNACE POSTMASTER

Mr. CAHAN:

1. Who is the postmaster at Cap-St-Ignace, county of Montmagny, Quebec?

2. When was he appointed and on whose recommendation?

3. Did any returned soldier apply for the position?

4. And if so, why did he not receive the appointment?

Mr. VENIOT:

1. Joseph Mathieu, O.A.S.

2. 15th August, 1927—by Civil Service Commission.

3. Yes.

4. Present postmaster is a returned soldier.

DISMISSAL OF POSTMASTERS

Mr. BRADY:

1. How many postmasters were dismissed throughout Canada from October 1, 1926, to February 1, 1928?

2. During above period, how many of those postmasters were dismissed in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island?

Mr. VENIOT:

1. 421.

2. British Columbia.. . . .	7
Alberta.. . . .	9
Saskatchewan.. . . .	34
Manitoba.. . . .	11
Ontario.. . . .	32
Quebec.. . . .	122
Nova Scotia.. . . .	106
New Brunswick.. . . .	99
Prince Edward Island	1

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METALLURGIC PRODUCTION IN CANADA

Mr. PREVOST:

What was the metallurgic production in Canada, in 1921 and 1922, respectively?

Mr. MALCOLM:

Metallic mineral output of Canada: 1921, \$49,343,232; 1927 (estimated), \$112,238,100.

MR. VALERE LABONTÉ

Mr. CAHAN:

1. Was Valere Labonté, of St. Joseph de la Beauce, Quebec, formerly employed as a preventive officer of the customs branch of the Department of National Revenue?

2. When and on what grounds was he dismissed from his employment?

3. Were three separate criminal informations laid against said Labonté before Arthur Godbout, a magistrate of the District of Beauce, Quebec, by Pamphile A. Martineau, an investigating officer of the said department, or of the government, in November last?

4. Were the said three criminal charges ever prosecuted by the government?

5. Were the said criminal charges withdrawn by the government?

6. If the government either refrained from prosecuting or withdrew said charges, what were the grounds of the government's action in so doing?