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ment, I dropped it expecting that the Prime Minister would give a statement in answer to my question. His statement to-day does not refer at all to that matter.

Mr. BENNETT: Under questions I will make a reference to it.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Regarding the royal commission to which the Prime Minister has just made reference, does the commission issue from the British Government? It is not from our government?

Mr. BENNETT: I thought I had made it clear that it was issued by His Majesty in London.

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Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): A few days ago the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) spoke of the desirability of members of the house being able to obtain a copy of the draft annotated agenda submitted by the preparatory commission of experts. I have looked into the matter since and with the consent of the house it is proposed to ask that copies be printed in English and French for distribution to members of the house. I have not made the motion to-day, in order that the leaders of the opposition might be able to determine what numbers they think should be printed both in English and French. I will make the motion on Friday in the light of the knowledge which by that time will have been received as to the number of copies thought desirable to print. Representations have been made that some hon. members would like to have a copy or two, rather than a single one, in order that they might be able to discuss matters with some of their constituents.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

RADIO COMMISSION—STATEMENTS

Mr. CASGRAIN:

Are the statements issued by the radio commission at Ottawa published in French?

Mr. CASGRAIN: Dropped.

Question dropped.

COLONEL W. H. CRAIG

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Has Colonel W. H. Craig, of Kingston, been appointed permanently or temporarily inspector of penitentiaries?

[Mr. Duff.]

2. If so, what are his particular qualifications for this position, and what experience has he in the management or administration of penitentiaries?

3. Has the position been advertised by the Civil Service Commission?

4. Has Colonel W. H. Craig applied for the position of warden of the Kingston penitentiary on the two last occasions when that position was advertised and was his application refused?

5. Did he receive any preference for overseas service or otherwise?

6. Who recommended him to the Minister of Justice?

Mr. CAHAN:

1. The Civil Service Commission has issued a temporary certificate at the request of the Department of Justice for the temporary employment not exceeding three months from the 16th January, of Lieut. Col. William H. Craig.

2. As the department has stated that it is necessary that the person filling this position should have some experience in auditing and accountancy, and as Colonel Craig is a chartered accountant, he was selected on the recommendation of the department to temporarily fill the vacancy. His application does not indicate that he has had any experience in the administration of penitentiaries.

3. Yes.

4. Yes, and he along with other applicants was considered.

5. Colonel Craig was entitled to the overseas active service preference.

6. No recommendation to the Minister of Justice.

GENERAL W. ST. PIERRE HUGHES

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. When was General W. St. Pierre Hughes retired as superintendent of the penitentiaries?

2. Did he retire voluntarily or was he asked to take his superannuation?

3. When was a successor appointed; were applications asked for by the Civil Service Commission and was a board appointed by that commission to examine the qualifications of the various candidates?

4. How many applicants were examined and was there a rating prepared by the board of examiners?

5. Who was the candidate recommended by the Civil Service Commission to the Department of Justice?

6. Was there a list prepared by the Civil Service Commission of the various candidates according to their qualifications and order of merit for the appointment?

7. What was the rank of General D. M. Ormond on that list?

8. Was he the candidate recommended as first choice by the Civil Service Commission, and if not, why was he selected in preference to the others?