

ANSWER TO ENQUIRIES GIVEN IN THE LEGISLATURE

Why Stipendiary Magistrate of Sackville was Dismissed---Work on the Harvey-McAdam Road---Applications for Land Under the Labor Act---Snowplows Purchased by Public Works Department.

The following answers to inquiries have been brought down in the Legislature:

HON. MR. BYRNE in reply to Mr. Peck:

Q. 1. On what date was J. Wesley Doull dismissed from the office of police magistrate for the Town of Sackville, N. B.?

Q. 2. Has any notice of his dismissal from office been given to Mr. Doull and if so on what date and by what means?

A. to 1 and 2. J. Wesley Doull was dismissed from the office of Police Magistrate of the Town of Sackville on February 21st, 1918, and his dismissal was published in the Royal Gazette in the usual way March 6th of the same year.

Q. 3. What were the charges, if any, against Mr. Doull which led to his dismissal, and if in writing will the government produce them? By whom were they made and when?

Q. 4. Was any notice given Mr. Doull that these or any charges had been made against him?

Q. 5. Was there any investigation of the charges? If so, who conducted it and where and when?

Q. 6. Was Mr. Doull given any opportunity of answering the charge or charges, if any, made against him?

A. to 3, 4, 5 and 6. The charges against Mr. Doull were inefficiency and neglect of duty, made by very responsible parties of both political parties in the Town of Sackville, and it was not considered necessary before the government took action to notify Mr. Doull of such action or conduct any formal investigation into the allegations.

Q. 7. Is the government aware that the Town of Sackville contributes to the maintenance of the office of Police Magistrate and was there any communication to the Town authorities of the intention of the government to dismiss Mr. Doull? If so, what was the communication and what reply, if any, was received?

Q. 8. Was the government aware that at the time of Mr. Doull's dismissal there was one or more "Scott Act" cases against persons in Sackville, which had been started before Police Magistrate Doull and were unfinished?

Q. 9. Did the government make any inquiries as to unfinished business or hearings or trials pending in the Police Court or Town of Sackville Civil Court and was any opportunity given to have such business disposed of?

A. to 7, 8 and 9. The government is not aware that the Town of Sackville contributes to the maintenance of the office of the Police Magistrate. On the other hand it is informed that some short time ago, the Town Council refused an application of Mr. Doull to contribute to the maintenance of his office on grounds very similar to those which caused his dismissal. The government did not make inquiry as to the business of the office or whether there were any cases of any kind unfinished.

HON. MR. VENIOT in reply to Mr. Hunter:

Q. 1. How much money was spent on the Harvey-McAdam road, York county, and charged to permanent roads last season?

A. \$220.

Q. 2. Have any accounts been submitted since the close of the fiscal year for work done on this road by Supervisor Frank Coburn? If so, what were the particulars of such?

A. Yes; labor \$1,088.25, materials \$812.93, making a total of \$1,401.18.

HON. MR. SMITH in reply to Mr. Smith (Carleton):

Q. 1. In what district in the parish of Brighton, Carleton county, was the \$436.75 expended by Oakley M. Orser on permanent roads, as shown in Public Works Report, page 193?

A. In District No. 3.

Q. 2. Did the Provincial Road Engineer inspect this work? If so, what was the nature of his report?

A. The Minister of Public Works accompanied by the Provincial Road Engineer made an inspection trip through this section last season and orders were given for work to be done. This section was not inspected by Provincial Road Engineer after work was done.

HON. MR. VENIOT in reply to Mr. Smith (Carleton):

Q. 1. On what road in the Parish of Simonds, Carleton county, did Supervisor Maurice C. Taylor do permanent road work, for which the province paid \$220?

A. Florenceville-Centreville road.

HON. MR. SMITH in reply to Mr. Smith (Carleton):

Q. 1. How many applications for grants of land have been received under the "Labor Act" since the present government came into power?

A. 409 applications have been made for lots under Chapter 25, C. S. 1903 between 5th April, 1917 and 26th March 1918.

Q. 2. Where was the land situated applied for, and was it under timber license at the time of the approval?

A. The lots were situated in many localities throughout the province and the majority of the same were under timber license.

Q. 3. How many of such applications have been approved?

A. 366 applications have been "approved" and of these 245 were under timber license and 121 not under license. See the Royal Gazette, June 27th, August 22nd, October 31st, December 12th and 19th.

Q. 4. Were the lots approved examined for agricultural purposes? If so, what was the nature of the report of such examination in each case?

A. Yes. Lots reported favorable for agriculture.

Q. 5. Was any soil analysis made of such approved lands for agricultural purposes?

A. No chemical soil analysis was made of the above lots but the necessary physical examination was reported upon.

HON. MR. VENIOT in reply to Mr. Smith (Carleton):

Q. 1. How many snow ploughs have been bought during the past year, ending at date of inquiry?

A. The following is a list of snow ploughs purchased:

Supervisor J. C. Graham, Parish Wicklow, maker, G. Green & Son, Bath, price \$50.

Supervisor R. Bartlett, Parish Wicklow, maker, G. Green & Son, Bath, price \$50.

Supervisor Edgar Green, Parish Wicklow, maker, G. Green & Son, Bath, price \$50.

Supervisor D. W. Shaw, Parish Simonds, maker, G. Green & Son, Bath, price \$50.

Supervisor J. B. Sheils, Parish Rich-

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Supervisor F. R. Thibodeau, Parish St. Anne, maker, D. R. Martin, St. Anne, price \$30.

Supervisor Isaac Wrak, Parish Andover, maker, Wm. Paul (2), Muniac, price \$120.

Supervisor Watts Cox, Parish Gordon, maker, C. C. Tilley, Plaster Rock, price \$55.

Supervisor H. Morrissey, Parish Grand Falls, maker, S. J. Martin, Grand Falls, price \$60.

Supervisor D. Paradis, Parish Grand Falls, maker, S. J. Martin, Grand Falls, price \$60.

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Supervisor J. K. Larlee, Parish Perth, maker, Wm. Paul, Muniac, price \$60.

Supervisor G. Hurley, Parish Kingsclear, maker, G. Hurley, Hanwell, price \$30.

Supervisor C. Greenlaw, Parish Southampton, maker, T. McIntyre, Millville, price \$50.

Supervisor W. Graham, Parish Bright, maker, C. C. Wiggins, R. R. 2, Lower Hainesville, price \$55.

Q. 2. From whom were they purchased and what was paid for each?

A. Answered by answer No. 1.

Q. 3. Have any amounts been paid for breaking winter roads? If so, what were the amounts and to whom paid?

A. None for the present winter.

HON. MR. VENIOT in reply to Mr. Smith (Carleton):

Q. 1. What amount has been charged to Permanent Roads under the head of Miscellaneous since the close of the fiscal year?

A. \$17,784. 03.

DESCRIBES CONDITIONS OVER THERE

(Boston Record.)

Since returning the first question that everybody asks me is "What are the conditions over there?" and when I ask in return, "What do you mean by conditions?" I find they almost always mean food and business conditions.

Half the splendid restaurants in Paris are closed.

In the home of French pastry, you cannot get a piece for love or money.

I did not see any cream in all France and after nine o'clock in the morning you are met with the words "pas du lait" when you ask for milk.

This means that even in the best hotels, such as the Ritz or the Crillon, you must drink your coffee black after nine o'clock. One very small piece of sugar for coffee or tea. No granulated or powdered sugar could I find in all France.

The bonbon shops are closed. After the first of January of this year it was impossible to buy any candy at all. No dessert except fruit and cheese.

War bread—no rolls, no buns, nothing but the long or round rolls of war bread and only two ounces at each meal.

No pork or ham or bacon; however, there seemed to be chicken or beef and mutton enough for a skimpy portion of some one of them for dinner.

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You can get fish for both lunch and dinner.

At the tea hour in the best hotels you are served with only toasted war bread. At the Mirabeau which, when I left was the most popular tea place in Paris, they served potato chips and dates and figs with the toasted war bread; no butter.

And yet Paris turns out as usual at the tea hour—the women are mostly in mourning and the men, if in civilian dress, are likely to be minus a leg or an arm—and drinks its tea and nibbles its toasted war bread without a shadow of sorrow on its face.

The French people consider it treason to speak of their sacrifices. The

women walk through the streets of Paris behind their dead with heads up and dry eyes, which says without the need of words, "Pour la Patrie."

No one has been warm in France this winter.

Just before Christmas I called at the beautiful house which Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has rented for her stay in France. There was a brazier of soft coal in the ante-room and one in Mrs. Roosevelt's bedroom, for she was suffering from a very bad cold. All the other rooms were closed, because they could not be warmed.

At most of the hotels you put your napkins in a linen pocket that is marked with your name, as laundry must be done in cold water with very little soap.

Changing bed linen once a week is the rule.

Paper boxes—no one sends merchandise home in a box—are at a premium, and matches very scarce and poor.

The Red Cross is giving lunches to the children in the public schools, as it was found that many of them were underfed, and that the children needed fats and sugar in greater quantities than they were able to get them at home.

The other day when I arrived home and happened to remark that I had not been warm while in France, a woman broke in querulously:

"I have never suffered with the cold as I have this winter. I think something should be done so that we could be comfortable with all the coal that we have in this country."

This woman was wearing a gown with Georgette sleeves, through which her over-fat arms were plainly visible.

"There were no women wearing chiffon sleeves in Paris this winter,"

told her, and I mentioned the fact that for \$5 she could buy long sleeved underwear which would probably

have kept her arms as warm as a hundred dollars worth of heated rooms.

The only places in France where you can get white bread, bacon, ham, sausage, syrup, plenty of sugar cereals, plenty of butter, hot buns and breakfast rolls, are in the barracks and officers' mess of the American soldiers.

The United States has made no sacrifices yet to give back this.

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