

Mr. PARENT: All those are suggestions?

Hon. Mr. REID: These have been approved and agreements have been signed.

At Six o'clock the committee rose and the House took recess.

After Recess

The House resumed at Eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 132 (from the Senate), respecting the Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Company, Limited.—Mr. Maclean (Halifax).

Bill No. 133 (from the Senate), for the relief of Elizabeth Gertrude Conner.—Mr. Copp.

Bill No. 134 (from the Senate), for the relief of Louise Sullivan.—Mr. McMaster.

THE JAMES MACLAREN COMPANY.

On motion of Mr. Fontaine, the amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 8, respecting The James MacLaren Company, Limited, were read the second time and concurred in.

SUPPLY

The House again in Committee of Supply, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: When the committee rose at six o'clock we were considering item No. 126. A motion had been made by the hon. member for Shelburne and Queen's (Mr. Fielding) that the resolution be considered item by item, and we had reached the fifth item, which reads as follows:

Commissioner of Highways: To provide for the organization and payment of staff of Commissioner of Highways, including A. W. Campbell, C.E., as Commissioner of Highways at \$5,000 per annum, \$53,000.

Mr. CANNON: The minister has said that several agreements have been entered into between the Federal Government and the Government of the province of Quebec with respect to the construction of highways, the cost of which would be above the \$20,000,000 voted by Parliament two years ago for the whole of Canada. Under what conditions were these agreements entered into? Were the first conditions offered to the Provincial Government accepted, and if not what changes were made?

[Mr. J. D. Reid.]

Hon. Mr. REID: In all the provinces the procedure is to select the roads they intend to work on; then they take the matter up with our officials and an agreement is entered into in respect to those on which we are willing to pay our forty per cent, the province paying sixty per cent. The amount involved in respect of the roads in the province of Quebec on which we have definitely agreed to pay our forty per cent does not come to anything like \$20,000,000. Some of the provinces have submitted plans which will take up the whole of their proportion; others have not proceeded to the full extent of the amount to which they are entitled. Quebec and Ontario are among the latter. If I remember rightly, Ontario has submitted plans which on the basis of our forty per cent involve an expenditure of about \$2,800,000.

Mr. CANNON: For the coming year?

Hon. Mr. REID: Oh, no. Some of the roads may be completed within a year; in other cases it may be two or three years before the work is completed. Quebec has entered into agreements involving about \$1,800,000, but they are busy preparing plans for the taking up of the rest of their allotment.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Has any proposal been submitted by the province of Quebec with regard to a projected highway between St. Joachim in the province of Quebec and St. Simeon, passing through Baie St. Paul and Murray Bay?

Hon. Mr. REID: No.

Mr. CASGRAIN: I think there was a discussion between the minister and the Commissioner of Highways with regard to the granting of these subsidies to different municipalities along the road between Quebec and St. Joachim. Has the Government arrived at any decision in that matter?

Hon. Mr. REID: I do not know whether that particular point was discussed; the question was taken up as to including certain villages, and so on. Of course, each province has its own regulations with regard to its incorporated villages, towns and cities, but we came to a satisfactory arrangement in that regard. I may say that so far no difficulty has been experienced with any of the provinces in connection with the administration of the Act.

Mr. BEST: How many miles of highway in Ontario have been approved by the Dominion Government?