

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS — MONTREAL
TERMINAL EXCAVATION CONTRACTS

Mr. CAHAN:

1. How many different contracts have been allotted for the excavation of rock, soil or other material from the site of the proposed Canadian National Railways terminal at Montreal?

2. To whom, for what quantities, and at what prices was each of the said contracts allotted?

3. By whom, for what quantities, and at what prices were other tenders for such excavation work received and subsequently rejected?

Mr. HOWE:

1. One.

2. Duranceau & Duranceau. It is not the policy of the management to disclose quantities and prices contained in current contracts.

3. Other tenders received for excavation work from: Jas. Bertrand; Frascarelli Construction Company; A. C. White Landscape Co. Ltd.; H. J. O'Connell Limited; Angus Robertson Limited; D. Verocchio Limited; Frank Lapan Limited; Chas. V. Billie; Marien-Wilson Limited; Rene Lefleur; A. F. Byers Co. Ltd.; G. Archambault Limitee; Kennedy Construction Co. Ltd.; Northern Construction Co. Ltd. & J. W. Stewart Ltd.; Atlas Construction Co. Ltd.; L. A. Ott & Company, Ltd.; Gentile & Fortin.

It is not the policy of the management to disclose quantities and prices of bids contained in tenders.

GOVAN, SASK., MAIL CONTRACTS

Mr. PERLEY:

1. Were tenders called during December, 1938, for carrying the mail on rural routes 1, 2 and 4, Govan, Saskatchewan?

2. If so, how many tenders were received, and what was the amount of each tender?

3. How many of those who tendered were returned soldiers?

4. At what price were the respective contracts awarded, and to whom?

5. Are the successful tenderers returned soldiers?

Mr. McLARTY:

1. Tenders due February 3, 1939.

2. Govan No. 1 Rural Route: Wm. D. Bridges, Govan, \$300; Walter Calder, Govan, \$300; John H. Kohne, Govan, \$300; Benjamin Kelln, Govan, \$325; Francis P. Harrison, Govan, \$335; Gordon B. McGeough, Govan, \$335, (conditional upon his being awarded all three contracts); David W. Bennett, Govan, \$338; Osborne Fansher, Govan, \$338; Geo. W. Mollison, Govan, \$349.44; Andrew Methven, Govan, \$350; David M. Lamb, Govan, \$375; H. V. Mabner, Govan, \$380; H. Brewer, Govan, \$400.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Combined Services Nos. 1, 2 and 4: Peter Edwards, Govan, \$900; Jas. Henry Clark, Govan, \$960.

2. Govan No. 2 Rural Route: Gordon B. McGeough, Govan, \$335; (conditional upon his being awarded all three contracts); Walter Calder, Govan, \$350; Wm. D. Bridges, Govan, \$380; John H. Kohne, Govan, \$380; H. Brewer, Govan, \$400; Benjamin Kelln, Govan, \$400; David W. Bennett, Govan, \$416; H. V. Mabner, Govan, \$420; John F. Bennett, Govan, \$425; David M. Lamb, Govan, \$425; Osborne Fansher, Govan, \$433; Francis P. Harrison, Govan, \$435; Geo. W. Mollison, Govan, \$456.62.

Combined Services, Nos. 1, 2 and 4: Peter Edwards, Govan, \$900; Jas. Henry Clark, Govan, \$960.

Govan No. 4 Rural Route: Geo. W. Mollison, Govan, \$295.20; Walter Calder, Govan, \$300; John H. Kohne, Govan, \$300; Gordon B. McGeough, Govan, \$335, (Conditional upon his being awarded all three contracts); Wm. D. Bridges, Govan, \$340; David M. Lamb, Govan, \$350; Benjamin Kelln, Govan, \$350; David W. Bennett, Govan, \$364; Osborne Fansher, Govan, \$379; Francis P. Harrison, Govan, \$380; John F. Bennett, Govan, \$400; H. Brewer, Govan, \$400; H. V. Mabner, Govan, \$400.

2. Combined Services, Nos. 1, 2 and 4: Peter Edwards, Govan, \$900; Jas. Henry Clark, Govan, \$960.

3. No information.

4. The tender of Peter Edwards for three routes at \$900 per annum being lowest offer received, the three contracts were awarded to him.

5. No information.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

CANADA'S DEFENCE FORCES

Mr. CHURCH:

1. What are the total expenditures on defence by Canada for each of the years 1921 to 1938?

2. What is the total strength at present of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Canada's (a) militia and permanent force, (b) air force, (c) navy?

3. What does Canada's navy consist of, and where is it located at present?

GOVERNMENT 3½ PER CENT STOCK ISSUE OF JULY 1, 1938

Mr. ELLIOTT (Kindersley):

What was the total cost (itemized) of an issue of 3½ per cent stock, dated July 1, 1938, in amount of £10,000,000 sold in London, January, 1938?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

DOMINION INCOME TAX

Mr. CLARKE (Rosedale):

For a return showing—

1. The total income tax, individual and corporate, collected in each year since the imposition of the tax;

2. The number of taxpayers in each bracket of taxable income for each of the last ten years;

3. The total amount collected from each group of such taxpayers for each of the last ten years;

4. The percentage of total taxpayers and of total tax paid by taxpayers in each bracket for each of the last ten years.

PENSION ACT, 1919—DETAILS OF PAYMENTS

Mr. BLACKMORE:

For a return showing the names, periods of service in the great war, and present residential addresses of all persons, male and female, receiving pensions under the provisions of the Pension Act, 1919.

Mr. POWER: Mr. Speaker, I think I shall have to ask my hon. friend to allow this motion to stand and, perhaps, to draft it in another way. If we included at this time everyone who received pensions under the Pension Act we should take in some 253,000 people, and the mere enumeration of their names would fill a big book. If one takes only those who directly receive pensions there would be some 98,000.

Mr. STEVENS: Was not a blue book published with regard to that?

Mr. POWER: In 1933 or 1934 there was not a blue book, but a return was brought down and laid on the table of the house. My information is that nobody has ever looked at it, but it took two years to prepare. In any case, I suggest, one portion at least of this question should be dropped. My hon. friend wants to know the names and periods of service in the great war of all those who are in receipt of pensions. I would draw his attention to the fact that the period of service has nothing whatever to do with the award of pension. A man who served half an hour in the front line trenches and received a serious wound might possibly obtain a one hundred per cent disability pension, and a man who served three years and received no wound at all would not get a pension. Therefore the information asked for by my hon. friend would not in any case be relevant, and would entail the scrutiny of at least 98,000 files. I will endeavour to see whether it is possible to bring up to date the return which was laid on the table of the house some years ago, and will inform my hon. friend as soon as I have obtained that information—if that is satisfactory to him.

Mr. SPEAKER: Stands.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES OF GOVERNMENT OWNED TRANSPORTATION LINES

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport) moved:

That standing order 63 of the House of Commons, relating to the appointment of standing committees of the house, be amended by adding to the standing committees of the house for the present session a standing committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government, to which will be referred accounts and estimates and bills relating thereto of the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, and Trans-Canada Air Lines for the present session, for consideration and report to the house; provided however that nothing in the resolution shall be construed to curtail in any way the full right of discussion in committee of supply; and that the said committee consist of Messrs. Barber, Bothwell, Deachman, Elliott (Kindersley), Emmerson, Ferland, Fiset (Sir Eugene), Fraser, Hanson, Heaps, Howard, Howden, Howe, Kinley, Lockhart, McKinnon (Kenora-Rainy River), Maybank, Parent (Quebec West and South), Ross (Middlesex East), Stewart, Vien, Walsh, Young.

Motion agreed to.

GLACE BAY, N.S. MINERS

REPRESENTATIONS OF CITIZENS OF RESERVE MINES AS TO NEED OF RELIEF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask a question of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers), basing it on a telegram just received from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, as follows:

At a citizens' meeting at Reserve Mines I was instructed to send the following telegram:

"Miners of Reserve Mines in immediate need of more relief. Two hundred fifty dollars not enough to relieve the distress of the miners and their families. The people's properties are taxed to capacity. Miners feel that federal and provincial government should bear the burden of direct relief. Warden McKinnon says municipality not in a financial position to increase the relief grant. Many children undernourished and illclad; assistance needed as soon as possible."

Signed on behalf of the citizens of Reserve.

James Marsh,
Secretary Social Service Council.

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): A telegram in similar terms to the one read by my hon. friend was received on Saturday by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and transmitted to me for attention.

As the house is aware, the dominion government does not make direct grants to the