

Unemployment Relief

18. What is the total amount of the vouchers for moneys spent by the various municipalities for unemployed relief works that has been submitted by the province of British Columbia up to the present time, giving the names of the municipalities whose vouchers have been submitted with the various amounts?

19. What was the total amount proposed to be spent for the relief of the unemployed by the city of New Westminster, as at first submitted by the province of British Columbia, under the Unemployed and Farm Relief Act of 1931?

20. What was the total amount finally sanctioned by the Dominion government to be spent for the relief of the unemployed by the city of New Westminster?

Mr. BENNETT: This will stand as a notice of motion for return.

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

J. B. CARTER REPORT

Mr. VENIOT:

For a copy of the report of J. B. Carter, representing the federal Department of Labour, on the investigation made by him into complaints relating to the expenditure of unemployment relief work on roads and bridges in the county of Gloucester, as well as a copy of any evidence on which such report was made.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING RELIEF EXPENDITURE IN NEW WESTMINSTER, BURNABY AND RICHMOND

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster) moved:

For a copy of all telegrams, letters, correspondence, and other documents, passing between the Department of Labour, any cabinet minister or any official and the government of British Columbia, and any minister or official of that government, regarding all or any matters affecting or touching upon unemployment, direct relief or unemployment relief in the city of New Westminster and the municipalities of New Westminster, of Burnaby and Richmond.

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): With reference to this motion, Mr. Speaker, and to the five notices following it, with respect to the production of documents in connection with unemployment relief, the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act passed last session provides that a complete return shall be made to the house within the time limit set by section 7 of the act. Since the production of the papers requested in these notices of motion will mean quite a burden and a great duplication of work I should like these notices to stand. If, in the interval, there is any particular matter in connection with which hon. members would like to be informed I will be very glad to give them the information required.

[Mr. Reid.]

Mr. REID: I should be very glad to receive the information in that way if I can obtain it very shortly, because conditions are such as to make this information necessary. Statements have been made by the provincial government and contradicted by the dominion authorities, and for this reason these motions have been placed on the order paper.

Mr. SPEAKER: I take it that the remarks of the minister apply to the first six notices of motion. He suggests that as, under the statute, the information sought will be brought down within a few days, the resolutions might stand in the meantime, and I understand that the hon. member for New Westminster consents to that arrangement. Therefore this resolution, and the following five notices of motion will stand.

Motion stands.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE ON RECOMMENDATION OF MINISTER

Mr. PETER MCGIBBON (Muskoka-Ontario) moved:

That, in the opinion of this house, all outside appointments should be taken away from the Civil Service Commission and made upon the recommendation of the minister.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. MCGIBBON: I would be very glad to accept the verdict of the house, if it were favourable, and not say anything. This, Mr. Speaker, is a matter which I think should be disposed of rather quickly. It deals with a procedure which is one of the relics of that war hysteria under which we laboured some ten or twelve years ago, and certainly it is one which should be removed from our statute book. Personally I opposed this legislation when it was introduced some ten years ago. I spoke against it then; I have been against it ever since, and I am against it now. It is not that I particularly want to exercise patronage; after all that is a secondary thing. I think it is part of the responsibility of the government, and responsible government is something that cost our ancestors too much to be lightly thrown away.

Let us for a moment study what takes place under this system. Away back in one of the country ridings a vacancy occurs in the outside service. If the remuneration is over \$200 the member has nothing to say with regard to the filling of the vacancy; the one elected by the people, who has the most complete