

Mr. MACDONNELL: Why was army engineering design done separately?

Mr. HOWE: That branch was responsible for the development particularly of motor vehicles used in the war. They were put to a good deal of experimental and development costs, chiefly for motor vehicles and for certain ordnance items. The cost of the branch is represented by that item, the cost for the fiscal year.

Mr. McMASTER: With reference to the \$415,000 for storage in Ford Motors, would that be stored outside London and other places or in the Ford company's plants?

Mr. HOWE: That is to provide outdoor facilities for freight in transit. In order to be able to send full loads of motor vehicles from whatever shipping point, so that boats might be able to carry equipment, it is necessary to carry between one month's and two months' production of motor vehicles in storage. Hon. members who have travelled between Toronto and Windsor have seen the dumps alongside the railway track. That was the cost paid to the Ford Motor company for preparing and supervising certain of these dumps.

Mr. COCKERAM: I presume this item covers only London, Ontario. Does it cover all the dumps that we see from one end of Canada to the other?

Mr. HOWE: This covers the dumps that handle Ford equipment. There are other dumps that handle General Motors cars and Chrysler cars, but they are separate.

Mr. COCKERAM: There is a similar item for all this storage covered in this one item.

Mr. HOWE: No; this is the Ford.

Mr. COCKERAM: Where are the others? There were General Motors and other companies. The minister has been storing their equipment all along the line for years. Where is that covered?

Mr. HOWE: There is the cost, \$99,017.47.

Mr. COCKERAM: I do not want to bother the minister on that, but the items for all that storage along the railroad track are covered in this item?

Mr. HOWE: Covered in the general item, yes.

Mr. HAZEN: I am a little puzzled about the figures the minister gave us. He said that the estimated cost for this year is \$25,000,000.

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. HAZEN: Do the figures he gave us total \$25,000,000, or do they not go considerably over \$25,000,000?

Mr. HOWE: I was heading up toward the \$25,000,000 total; I had not read them all.

Mr. HAZEN: I thought they totalled more. I was not able to add them all up, but from the amounts the minister gave it looked as though the figures would amount to over \$25,000,000.

Mr. HOWE: I do not think so.

Mr. BROOKS: I want to get an answer to the question I asked the minister about the bonus paid to the Dominion Coal Company of Nova Scotia and the bonus per ton down in the Minto area, if he can give the answer.

Mr. HOWE: I cannot give the answer. I know the emergency coal production board has given a great deal of study to the subsidy arrangements in all parts of Canada. I know they gave particular attention to the Minto area, and I think they feel that they have been overgenerous there. In any event, if my hon. friend objects to the New Brunswick subsidy I can tell him that every coal miner in Canada objects to his subsidy. They all think it should be larger. All I can say is that the emergency production board is giving as little as it can to keep the mines in operation, which I think is a very sound position to take, having in mind all the subsidies that are required under present conditions.

Mr. LENNARD: Does the Melbourne Merchandising company or the wool control board come under this item? Where do they come into the picture?

Mr. HOWE: I mentioned the crown companies. Generally speaking, the crown companies are self-supporting. In fact, Melbourne Merchandising company is doing very nicely; it has a considerable surplus.

Mr. LENNARD: Where should we discuss it?

Mr. HOWE: Now, if the hon. member wishes.

Mr. LENNARD: How much wool was handled by the Melbourne Merchandising company or the Canadian wool board?

Mr. HOWE: I cannot answer as to the amount of wool. It would not be a good thing to do anyway. Why should we disclose our stocks to the world? It is a substantial stock of wool which, I may say, is in process of being liquidated, but I would not care to give the poundage.