

Extension of Railway to Gaspé

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Has the hon member leave of the house to have the table appear in *Hansard*?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspé): The table is as follows:

Lumber, Spoolwood, Lath, Shingles, etc. from Cap Chat and Ste. Anne des Monts		million feet	standards
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end May—S2654.....		6,240	3,120
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end May—Local.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end June—S2654.....		2,500	1,250
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end June—Local.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, spoolwood, end June—Local.....		300	150
Le Magasin General Limitee, lumber, end June—S2595.....		1,130	565
North Quebec Lumber Limited, lumber, end June—S2570.....		1,200	600
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end July Ec. 36.....		1,500	750
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end July—Local.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, spoolwood, end July—Local.....		1,000	500
Le Magasin General Limitee, lumber, end July—Local.....		1,000	500
North Quebec Lumber Limited, lumber, end July—S2570.....		500	250
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end Aug.—Ec. 36.....		2,500	1,250
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end Aug.—Local.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, spoolwood, end Aug.—Local.....		1,000	500
Le Magasin General Limitee, lumber, end Aug.—Ec. 37.....		750	375
North Quebec Lumber Limited, lumber, end Aug.—S2570.....		1,100	550
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end Sept.—Ec. 36.....		2,500	1,250
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end Sept.—Local.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, spoolwood, end Sept.—Local.....		1,000	500
Le Magasin General Limitee, lumber, end Sept.—Ec. 37.....		750	375
North Quebec Lumber Limited, lumber, end Sept.—Ec. 38.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end Oct.—Ec. 36.....		2,000	1,000
James Richardson Co. Limited, lumber, end Oct.—Local.....		1,000	500
James Richardson Co. Limited, spoolwood, end Oct.—Local.....		1,500	750
Le Magasin General Limitee, lumber, end Oct.—Local.....		500	250
North Quebec Lumber Limited, lumber, end Oct.—Local and export.....		1,500	750
Total		37,470	18,735
Add:			
Various shippers: Birch (squares), lath, shingles, etc.....		5,500	2,750
Lumber, spoolwood, etc.		5,000	2,500
Pulpwood, 20,000 cords.....		10,000	5,000
Grand total		57,970	28,985

If in 1947 those two shipping points only could produce that much, with a shipping season cut to five months and the United States and local markets practically closed to our products owing to the non-existence of railway communication, one can easily foresee an immense increase in the production once this extension is provided.

For those who are apprehensive of the possibility of maintaining the cut of our lumber industry at this high level, I beg leave to refer to a report received in 1948 from the provincial department of lands and forests in Quebec, by the district engineer's office of the department of public works at Rimouski. This report was quoted in P.C. 702 of February 24, 1948, authorizing contracts for the reconstruction and extension of the Ste. Anne des Monts wharf, and I quote from P.C. 702 as follows:

That, according to information received from the local office of the provincial department of lands and forests for Quebec, the watershed of the Ste. Anne river and its tributaries cover an area of

about 220 square miles, of which a minimum of 150 square miles is good timber land containing over 1,000,000,000 f.b.m. of merchantable softwood timber.

In recent years a good deal of prospecting work was carried out by various companies and individuals in search of oil and base metals. Important discoveries were made, and one base metal mine is in operation near Marsoui, where Candego Mines Limited operates a silver-lead-zinc mill with a daily capacity of approximately seventy-five tons.

Further mining developments of this kind are prevented owing to the reluctance of those concerned to invest capital in such an isolated region.

Before leaving this section on our industries, I strongly recommend to the officials of the Department of Transport and of the Canadian National Railways that they make use of the information in possession of the federal Department of Labour, which information was gathered last fall in the course