

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

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Wednesday, June 11, 1947

The house met at 3.30 o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

BRIEF SUBMITTED TO CABINET BY ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS

Mr. BURTON:

1. Has the government given further consideration to the requests made by the Alberta farmers' union and the United Farmers of Canada (Saskatchewan section), in their brief presented to the cabinet in August, 1946?

2. If so, what action has been taken with respect to items one, two and three of the above-mentioned brief?

Mr. GARDINER: I can best answer this orally. As to part 1, a full reply was given later to the brief which was presented in August of last year, and subsequently a committee representing the farm organizations came to Ottawa. There was oral consideration of the request made, and it was agreed—at least if not agreed it was admitted—that an effort had been made to meet the situation which was presented in the brief. Since that time there has been no necessity for further consideration other than the carrying out of the undertaking under the Agricultural Prices Support Act. With respect to part 2 of the question, the explanation I have given covers items one, two and three of the brief.

Mr. SPEAKER: Answered.

WEATHER STATIONS

Mr. McKAY:

1. How many weather stations have been established in Canada's northern territories since V-E day?

2. Has any foreign country assisted the Dominion of Canada financially in the setting up of these stations? If so, to what extent?

3. Where are these weather stations located?

4. Under what department of government are they operated?

5. How many Canadian personnel are involved in their operation?

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Mr. McILRAITH:

In so far as the Department of Transport is concerned:

1. Two, one at Baker Lake, the other at Eureka Sound.

2. In the case of the station at Eureka Sound, the Canadian government is supplying the officer-in-charge, one half of the personnel, and the food supplies for these personnel. The United States weather bureau is supplying the remaining half of the personnel until sufficiently trained Canadian staff are available, together with their food supplies, and additional supplies and technical equipment. The United States also furnish the necessary transportation for the establishment of this station which is now in operation.

3. The Eureka Sound station is at 80°13'N. 86°11'W. The other station is at Baker Lake, 64°18'N. 96°5'W.

4. The Department of Transport is responsible for the operation of the Eureka Sound station and for the weather programme at Baker Lake. The weather programme at Baker Lake is actually performed by R.C.C.S. personnel of the Department of National Defence.

5. There are three at Eureka Sound, five at Baker Lake.

ROAD FROM ALASKA HIGHWAY TO YUKON-B.C. BORDER

Mr. ARCHIBALD:

1. Have tenders been called for the building of a road into Atlin, British Columbia, from the Alaska highway to the Yukon-British Columbia border?

2. If so, what are the names of those submitting tenders and what was the price of each tender?

3. To whom was the contract awarded?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Answered by No. 1.

FARM LABOUR

Mr. HEON:

1. Is there an agreement between Canada and the United States with respect to the recruiting of Canadian farm labour for the United States?

2. If so, what is the nature and extent of this agreement?