

Unemployment Relief

DR. TORY'S OFFICE FURNISHINGS

Mr. ROGERS:

1. What is the total cost of furnishing the office of Dr. H. M. Tory, President of the National Research Council, in the research building, Sussex street?
2. What is the price of each desk, chair, table, rug, etc?

MR. GEORGE GONTHIER'S OFFICE FURNISHINGS

Mr. ROGERS:

1. What was the total cost of furnishing the office of Mr. George Gonthier, Auditor-General, in the Confederation building?
2. What is the price of each desk, chair, table, rug, etc?
3. What became of the furniture formerly in the office of the Auditor-General?

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PAPERS

MR. VICTOR GARIEPY

Mr. TETREAULT:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged, from 1926 to July, 1930, between the Department of Agriculture and Mr. P. E. Boivin, former member for Shefford, and Mr. Victor Gariépy, of Waterloo, Quebec, in connection with the appointment of Mr. Victor Gariépy as veterinary surgeon in the service of the Dominion government, in the county of Shefford.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. McKenzie) has asked me a question on several occasions. I thought he had misread what I said on the 29th July, 1931, I find on looking up the record that I then said:

During the last few days I have received telegrams from the province of Saskatchewan suggesting that it was not desirable that direct relief which might be regarded as charity should be accorded to those hardy settlers who have lost their all for the third, and in some instances the fourth succeeding year, but rather that they would like to execute some document which would indicate that they regarded the help given as an obligation which they might some time be able to pay.

I may say to my good friend from South Huron (Mr. McMillan) that that indicates at least the attitude of some of those who at the present time are without crops, having had their third successive crop failure. I observe the hon. gentleman read my remarks as indicating that I had received communications from the province of Saskatchewan, and he was seeking information as to what member of the provincial government had communicated with me. It will be observed that my language did not mean that I had received communica-

[Mr. Manion.]

tions from the provincial government, but from persons residing within the province. While some of the communications were marked "personal," the one that gave me the most information was from a loan company manager, who, I knew, had travelled over the territory and found a disposition on the part of the settlers not to take charity but to make a contribution in the sense indicated.

Mr. DONNELLY: The hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. McKenzie) is away at the present time, but I understood him to say that the declaration of the Prime Minister was to the effect that certain people in the west had written letters or sent communications of some kind to the right hon. gentleman intimating that they were ready and willing and anxious to pay back this money that was loaned, and that the hon. member had received communications from private individuals asking for copies of these letters and telegrams.

Mr. BENNETT: That is not the way it reads.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

NORTH BATTLEFORD-EDMONTON BRANCH LINE
CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. CAMERON R. McINTOSH (North Battleford): May I ask the Minister of Railways whether he has any further information to give the house and the country in connection with the laying of steel on certain branch lines of the Canadian National Railways in northwestern Canada. The particular road to which I am referring is the sixty-nine mile stretch which is ready for steel between North Battleford and Edmonton.

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways): There was forwarded to me this morning a general review of the question to which the hon. gentleman refers, and which he has sent throughout the whole of his constituency. It places on words of mine conclusions which I do not think he had any right to draw, and under these circumstances I do not think I will make any more statements to the hon. gentleman in regard to the railway.

Mr. McINTOSH: If the minister would state what I have published in an irregular way, I might try to correct it.

Mr. MANION: I will state it at the proper time.

Mr. McINTOSH: All right.