

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Monday, November 19, 1951**

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

RADIO BROADCASTING—RAILWAY LEGISLATION—  
CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

**Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works)** moved:

That the name of Mr. Knowles be substituted for that of Mr. Knight on the special committee on radio broadcasting.

That the name of Mr. Wylie be substituted for that of Mr. Low on the special committee on railway legislation.

Motion agreed to.

### QUESTIONS

DEFENCE PRODUCTION—PRIME CONTRACTS—DISTRIBUTION OF SUBCONTRACTS

**Mr. Coldwell:**

1. What is the approximate total value of the prime contracts dealt with by the small industries division of the production branch of the Department of Defence Production from April 1, 1951 to date, concerning which this division has distributed information to enable subcontractors to approach prime contracting firms for possible subcontracts?

2. What effect has the activities of this division had to date on the distribution of subcontracts?

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1. The small industries division of the **Department of Defence Production is a service division** and it is, therefore, impossible to measure in quantitative terms the exact effect of its activities on the distribution of subcontracts throughout Canada. One method whereby subcontractors are kept advised of all prime contracts placed by the department is through the distribution twice a month of a list of all unclassified contracts over \$10,000. The division has interviewed officials of some twelve hundred firms and there is no doubt that the work which the division is doing is helping to effect a wider distribution of subcontracts.

2. Answered by No. 1.

RUSTICO HARBOUR, P.E.I.—USE OF DRAGGER BOATS

**Mr. McLure:**

Will provision be made for the Rustico harbour fishermen in order that they may be able to use the new type dragger boats?

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** The matter of deepening the entrance channel to Rustico harbour

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is under consideration. However, as this would be a large expenditure, it is being given further study.

PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE—EAST BLOCK—  
ALTERATIONS

**Mr. Fulton:**

1. With reference to the contract let to A. I. Garvock for structural alterations to the official residence at 24 Sussex street, what was (a) the percentage or rate of fixed fee; (b) the amount paid the contractor under this heading?

2. With reference to the contract for work to the east block awarded to Doran Construction Company, what was (a) the percentage or rate of fixed fee; (b) the amount paid or to be paid to the contractor under this heading?

3. Are these amounts included in or additional to the amounts of \$284,220.56 and \$912,849.51 respectively, previously indicated as the cost of these respective operations?

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):**

24 Sussex street:

1. (a) Fixed fee of \$10,000 on expenditure up to \$168,000, plus 5 per cent on additional expenditure, such latter fee not to exceed \$4,475; (b) \$13,948.75.

East block:

2. (a) Fixed fee amounting to \$11,300 on \$161,300 plus 6 per cent on additional expenditure up to \$625,000 plus 5 per cent on expenditure over \$625,000; (b) \$49,613.40 (paid).

3. Included.

VETERANS—QUESTION AS TO OVERPAYMENT  
FOR DENTAL SERVICES

**Mr. McLure:**

1. Were any claims made by the Department of Veterans Affairs against dentists for alleged overpayment for dental services to veterans during the years 1945 to 1951? If so, how many?

2. What number from each of the ten provinces?

3. What number of such claims, if any, are still before the courts?

4. How many cases were paid under protest?

**Mr. Mutch:** Mr. Speaker, here again I have spoken to the hon. gentleman who asked the question. I am informed that to answer the question in its present form it would require the examination of some 700,000 files. I have agreed to bring the information that I have to the attention of the hon. gentleman with the view to seeing whether I can satisfy him; otherwise he may rephrase the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Dropped.