

Demobilization—Munitions and Supply

Mr. HOWE: I am told that the commission has completed its hearings and is now writing its report. Just when it will be brought down I cannot say, but I should think early next year.

Mr. HAZEN: Are there any subsidies under this item in addition to the coal and coke subsidies?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. HAZEN: What would they be?

Mr. ADAMSON: What was the Canadian copper producers subsidy?

Mr. HOWE: That is worked out by agreement with the copper producers. We kept the domestic price of copper at the pre-war ceiling, and by arrangement the copper producers have been paid an equalization fund for material fabricated in Canada and sold in the export market. In other words, we buy copper here in Canada, change it into shell casings, sell the shell casings in the United States, at the price of copper in the United States, and that is a refund to the copper producers, called an equalization payment.

Mr. ADAMSON: It has nothing to do with the fact that at the beginning of the war the Canadian copper producers made a voluntary agreement with the United Kingdom government to sell copper to them at what was the then price of 10·2 cents a pound, which was away below the then existing market.

Mr. HOWE: They made the same agreement with Canada as well. The United Kingdom has varied the agreement from time to time. We have not allowed any change in the domestic price, but where domestic copper has been bought and sold in fabricated form in the export market we have allowed it.

Mr. ADAMSON: But not in the bar or ingot form.

Mr. MACDONNELL: There are still several million dollars we have not heard about.

Mr. HOWE: I shall have to give this list.

Mr. MACDONNELL: If the minister can give it out of that unfamiliar statement.

Mr. HOWE: The list is as follows:

Army Engineering Design Branch..	\$1,838,467 97
Synthetic Rubber Bogie Tire Tests—Phoenix, Arizona	66,064 21
English Skilled Workmen—Wages, Travelling Expenses, Income Taxes	19,094 69
Laboratory Tests and Models.....	555,553 45
National Research Council—Synthetic Rubber	100,453 38
Signals Production Branch.....	13,510 40
Signals Production Branch—Standardization of Components...	13,701 80
War Metals Advisory Committee.	5,252 60

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Experimental Tests re Synthetic Rubber	135,000 00
National Research Council—Montreal	467,353 42
Various Warehouses	75,872 35
Chrysler Corporation of Canada Limited (Storage of Motor Vehicles)	42,589 45
Transfer Costs of Government-owned machinery	35,821 89
C.N.R. Coal Handling Plant—Point du Chene, N.B.	22,718 55
Cartierville Airport—Maintenance and Snow Removal	51,750 26
Losses on Chrome Ores.....	1,570 00
C.N.R. Expenses re Land Surveys..	21,011 68
Fire Protection—Yarrows Shipyards and Esquimalt, B.C....	8,750 00
Gauges, Checks, et cetera—National Research Council	234 24
Reconditioning Automotive Equipment—Chrysler Corporation ..	99,017 47
Reconditioning Box Units—Ford Motor	18,552 38
Kitsilano Bridge, Vancouver, B.C..	4,909 90
Machine Tool War Service Committee	2,000 00
Malton Storage Depot.....	88,256 39
Marine Railway, Liverpool, N.S....	6 05
Metals Reserve Company.....	2,212,658 73
Molybdenum Losses	120,746 90
Port Hawkesbury Marine Railway.	23,826 53
Reconditioning Dry Docks on East Coast	12,879 80
Storage of Motor Vehicles and Freight	413,281 70
Turner Valley Field—Investigation	24,550 00
Thompson Brothers Machinery Company	43,000 00
Wage Increases—Halifax Shipyards Limited and St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company Limited	350,000 00
Wood Fuel Controller—Loss on Operation	145,821 18
C.P.R.—Railway Siding—Electric Steels Limited, Cap de la Madeleine	12,835 44
Craft Display Company Limited..	5,712 00
Eastern Lobsters Limited.....	35,000 00
General Motors of Canada Limited	17,332 30
Fraser River	12,351 95
Removal of Wreck <i>The Craig</i> , Dartmouth Cove, N.S.....	12,974 30

There are several pages more.

Mr. MACDONNELL: I did not ask the minister to read those items, only the substantial ones. If he wants to amuse himself by reading those, that is his own affair. I do not want chicken-feed.

Mr. MACDONNELL: There is one item with regard to army engineering design which I should like the minister to tell us something about. Why are there so many items charged up to C.N.R. and C.P.R.? Is that because these were special things done for government account, and done in that way?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.