

9. Did the government inform the house that this line had been built without authorization?

10. If so, when?

11. Has Mr. L. M. Marion been paid for the work done?

12. If not, has the government decided to withhold payment, and for how long?

Mr. Chevrier:

1. \$270 per mile.

2. This information already given in return to order of the house—see sessional paper No. 119C.

3. Yes.

4. Portion provided by interim supply April 3, 1949, and balance on December 13, 1949.

5. (a) Yes; (b) Length of line by actual measurement is 28 miles.

6. November 15, 1949.

7. A return to an order of the house concerning this matter was tabled on March 2, 1950.

8, 9 and 10. Answered by No. 7.

11. Payment now being effected.

12. Answered by No. 11.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—SPECIAL
RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

Mr. Knowles:

1. How many former employees or officials of the Canadian National Railways who, upon retirement, did not qualify for any pension under any established plan, are in receipt of retirement allowances?

2. How many of these retirement allowances are \$100 a month or over, how many are less than \$100 a month, and what is the lowest amount of any such allowance?

3. What is the reason or basis for the granting of any such special retirement allowances?

4. Is it open to any employee, not on pension, to apply for such a retirement allowance?

Mr. Chevrier:

The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. 18.

2. \$100 a month or over, 8; less than \$100 a month, 10; lowest amount of any such allowance, \$25.

3. Very exceptional circumstances approved by board of directors, on recommendation of management.

4. Yes; that is to say, any employee may make such representations as he sees fit, to his employing officer.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—LUMP SUM
RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

Mr. Knowles:

1. How many employees or officials of the Canadian National Railways, upon retirement, have been given lump sum retirement allowances (a) of \$5,000 or less; (b) more than \$5,000 but not more than \$25,000, since January 1, 1930?

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2. In what years were such lump sum retirement allowances made?

Mr. Chevrier:

The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. (a) None; (b) None.

2. See answer to No. 1.

NEWFOUNDLAND—NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

Mr. Higgins:

1. Has any request been made by the province of Newfoundland for the establishment of one or more national harbours under the national harbours board?

2. If so, what areas have been designated by the province for this purpose?

Mr. Chevrier:

1. No.

2. See answer to No. 1.

LETHBRIDGE, ALTA., AIRPORT—EXPROPRIATION OF
LANDS FOR EXTENSION

Mr. Blackmore:

1. During 1946, how many acres of land were added to the extension of the Lethbridge airport?

2. What is the name and address of each farmer from whom such lands were purchased, and how many acres from each of them?

3. On what date was it made known to each of these farmers that certain acres of his land were to be required by the federal government?

4. On what date did the federal government definitely assume possession of each of the parcels of land from such farmers?

5. Prior to his acceptance of the government's offer, was the farmer in each case given definitely to understand that he must surrender to the Canadian government the parcels of land required?

6. At what price or prices per acre was possession of the land assumed by Canada in the case of each farmer?

7. During the period from the time of expropriation down to April 30, 1950, what is the total amount of taxes that have accrued upon the lands expropriated from each of the farmers in question?

8. Have these taxes been paid? If so, by whom?

9. What steps have been taken by the federal government to reimburse these farmers for the losses they have sustained through being deprived of crops that could have been raised on the expropriated lands during the years 1947, 1948 and 1949?

10. What are the reasons for the long delay in settlement with each of these farmers?

Mr. Chevrier:

1. Approximately one hundred and seventy (170) acres.

2. Hugh K. Thompson, Lethbridge, 19.93 acres, Frederick A. Russell, Lethbridge, 89.70 acres, Claud A. Duncan, Lethbridge, 60 acres.

3. Following negotiations options were obtained dated September 4, 1946.

4. About the end of September, 1946.

5. There is no information as to what representations were made during the verbal negotiations which took place with the land agents of the department. However, the