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QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

\*C.N.R. BUS SERVICE, FORT-WILLIAM-LONGLAC

**Question No. 218—Mr. Fisher:**

1. Have any of the officials of the Canadian National Railways been negotiating with Greyhound bus lines or any other bus lines with a view to a sale, lease, or rent of the bus service presently being carried on by the C.N.R. between Fort William and Longlac, Ontario; and, (a) if not, is the railway giving any consideration to making any efforts to sell this bus route (b) if so, at what stage in the negotiations is the principle being held to by the C.N.R. that the security and pensions of the employees on this line are protected?

2. Does the C.N.R. consider that this bus service, alone and in unison with express and other truck service, is a profitable one?

3. Who has been carrying on negotiations?

4. Does the price for such a sale, and/or the equipment, have to pass the scrutiny of both the board of transport commissioners and the cabinet?

**Mr. Martini:** Mr. Speaker, the Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. Negotiations are in progress, and should a sale of the service take place the labour agreement under which the employees operate stipulates the rights of the employees in the particular circumstances.

2. The bus service was established in the first instance in substitution for train service thereby producing a less expensive operation.

3. Officers of the department of highway services.

4. No.

\*CAMPBELLTON-CROSS POINT BRIDGE

**Question No. 231—Mr. Robichaud:**

1. What was the amount estimated by the Department of Public Works for the construction of the Campbellton-Cross Point bridge, including the approaches on the Quebec and New Brunswick sides of the said bridge?

2. To whom was the contract or contracts awarded, and at what price?

3. Has the work been completed, and what amount has been paid to date to the contractor or contractors?

4. Are there any claims outstanding from suppliers or others; and, if so, (a) what are the names of the claimants, and the amount claimed by each (b) what is the name of the contractor from whom such claims are outstanding (c) has the department been informed that one of the contractors on the said bridge had registered a subsidiary company or corporation within the province of New Brunswick; and, if so, what was the name of the said company or corporation, and who were the provisional directors?

**Mr. Walker:** Mr. Speaker, I have the answer here, but since it is lengthy I wonder whether the hon. member and the house would be good enough to consent to having this answer printed in *Hansard* without being read.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed?

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[Editor's note: The answer referred to is as follows:]

1. \$4,339,000.

2. By federal government:

Ralph Sharpe, Campbellton, New Brunswick, \$101,405.00.

Belle Construction Ltee, Isle Maligne, Quebec, \$1,261,592.70.

Canadian Bridge division, Dominion Steel & Coal Corporation, Ltd., Walkerville, Ontario, \$2,956,224.60.

L. D. Dimock, Campbellton, New Brunswick, \$18,100.54.

By province of Quebec:

Quemont Construction Ltee, \$410,602.00

Stanley C. McCallum, Gaspé, \$26,735.

3. The work undertaken directly by the federal government has been completed. In agreement with the provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec, it has been decided to instal lighting, but this work has not yet been started.

Amounts paid to contractors to date are:

By federal government:

Ralph Sharpe, Campbellton, New Brunswick, \$50,050.71.

Belle Construction Ltee, Isle Maligne, Quebec, \$1,617,553.90.

Canadian Bridge division, Dominion Steel & Coal Corporation, Ltd., Walkerville, Ontario, \$3,009,962.31.

L. D. Dimock, Campbellton, New Brunswick, \$23,542.53.

By province of Quebec:

Quemont Construction Ltee, \$425,520.16.

Stanley C. McCallum, Gaspé, \$26,735.

4. No; there are no outstanding claims by contractors or suppliers against the department.

\*SUBSIDY ON CORN IMPORTED INTO NOVA SCOTIA

**Question No. 271—Mr. Robichaud:**

Has the Nova Scotia government made a request to the federal government for a subsidy to Nova Scotia farmers to help meet the cost of corn imported from the United States; and, if so, what decision, if any, has been rendered on this request?

**Mr. Charlton:** Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows. No request has been received from the Nova Scotia government for a subsidy to Nova Scotia farmers to help meet the costs of corn imported from the United States. However, requests have been made by the Nova Scotia government and by others for measures to bring down the cost of feed grains to farmers in the maritime provinces, and this matter is under consideration.