

Mr. GREEN: We were told this afternoon that they did have airports.

Mr. MORAN: No, I think this afternoon's discussion, Mr. Green, related to the navigational facilities which are established and not to airports.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the item carry?

Carried.

Item 775?

Mr. FLEMING: Can we have an explanation of that one?

The WITNESS: The contracting parties at the second session adopted the following arrangement for the period August 16, 1948 to December 31, 1949. The total budget for this period amounted to \$76,000 and for the purpose of division of expense the contracting parties were classified according to six categories depending on their share of the total external trade. Canada was placed in category C and is required to pay \$5,500. The percentage of external trade for individual countries is based on the average 1938 to 1946 figures for each country. Payments of this contribution which falls due on July 31, 1949 is to be made in U.S. dollars or Swiss francs at the option of the contracting party. The contracting parties at the third session adopted a budget of \$302,139.02 for 1950. It was concluded that the best practical method of assessment would be to assess the contributions on the basis of the volume of the foreign trade of the contracting parties. As was the case for 1949 the scale of percentage of external trade for the individual countries was based on the average of the 1938 to 1946 figures for each country. Canada was placed in this category her share being over 5 per cent but under 7 per cent, and is required to contribute \$13,252, U.S. funds, for the period January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950. It is that sum, the \$13,252 plus \$5,500 for the previous period that makes up the amount now requested.

Mr. FLEMING: Plus the exchange?

The WITNESS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the item carry?

Carried.

Item 776?

Carried.

Item 777?

Carried.

Item 778?

Mr. GREEN: Is this a new item?

The WITNESS: Near east relief. It is in the supplementaries as a new item. This was a contribution made by the Canadian government to the relief of Palestine refugees. It was a contribution in kind, the commodities in question being fish and white beans to the value of \$65,000.

By Mr. Fleming:

Q. When were the last of them supplied? I take it they have all been supplied by now.—A. Oh, I think so. They were shipped via eastern Mediterranean ports by Canadian Commercial Corporation. My recollection is that it was authorized by cabinet in the spring, sometime before March, because I was in another place; and they were shipped during the early summer months.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the item carry?

Item 779 carried.