

Mr. FRASER: Wait until the people of Canada read the press in the morning.

Mr. BENNETT: Now, I do not know, Mr. Chairman, whether the last observation made by the hon. member for Northumberland means that a cooked report of what has been said is to be made; but it is, of course, open to that construction. He may be able to make it, I don't know. He has great powers in many directions.

Now, I want to go a step farther. The minister says I did not communicate with him. A question was put on the order paper as to how the work at Fort Henry was being done, and the answer was that it was being done partly by contract and partly by day work.

Mr. ROGERS: I have the answer right here. Does my right hon. friend want it?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes.

Mr. ROGERS: Does he wish it now?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes.

Mr. ROGERS: The right hon. gentleman has asked how much was the cost plus and I sent out for the information. In the first place, cement never became part of the work, until it was replaced after a loan was arranged for with the provincial government representative. The first contract was about \$70,000 on a unit basis, similar to the method prevailing in the Department of Highways of Ontario. The next year tenders were again called in the public press, and the contract ran over \$200,000, on a unit basis. The only cost plus work was for the mounting of guns, and other unusual work, not over \$35,000, of the total sum. No changes at any time were made in the unit prices quoted in the tenders. That is the information.

Mr. BENNETT: Then, it is not correct to say, partly by tender and partly by day work.

Mr. ROGERS: The only cost plus is for the mounting of the guns.

Mr. BENNETT: That is the answer given in this house.

Mr. ROGERS: The only cost plus item was for the mounting of the guns.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes, that is all the information in Hansard. Would the minister give me the date of the second tender?

Mr. ROGERS: I will send up for it; I have not it here.

Mr. BENNETT: Does the minister obtain copies of payrolls?

Mr. ROGERS: I can secure them, and will gladly do so.

[Mr. Bennett.]

Mr. BENNETT: Does he, as a matter of fact?

Mr. ROGERS: As I recall it, the payrolls on any work for which dominion government contributions are available. They are examined from time to time by the inspectors in order to determine whether or not the relief quota has been lived up to.

Mr. DUNNING: It is provincial government work.

Mr. BENNETT: It is half and half. Do we get copies of the payrolls? Does the minister get copies of the payrolls?

Mr. ROGERS: Not on all projects.

Mr. BENNETT: The department, then?

Mr. ROGERS: I am not able to say that. I will find out.

Mr. BENNETT: In some cases, it will be remembered by the minister, we do have copies of payrolls in order to authorize payments. They were obtained in some cases, and in some cases they were not. In order that we may be able to study out for ourselves the difficulties in connection with this stone, and other matters, will the Minister of National Defence produce the report of the commandant of the Royal Military College with respect to stone?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I am not aware of it at all; I will look into this question right away.

Mr. BENNETT: To be conclusive on that point, with respect to the utilization of these supplies. Obviously I have not seen or had any connection with the commandant, and therefore I will have to place myself entirely in the hands of the minister.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Supplies for the Royal Military College?

Mr. BENNETT: No, utilization by Mr. Stansbury of stone which went from the property known as the Royal Military College at Barriefield, camp 42.

Mr. ROGERS: If my right hon. friend will permit me, I have the information he asked for. I should like to make a correction with respect to the second contract. I believe I gave the figure of approximately \$200,000, and the actual figure is \$305,448.50.

Mr. BENNETT: What is the date of it?

Mr. ROGERS: March, 1937.

Mr. BENNETT: Was that done by tender?

Mr. ROGERS: Yes, by tender.