

7. Has the Government or any branch of government service any control or supervision of traffic and parking on the said roadway boulevards?

8. Is the Government aware that the boulevard roadway at the west side of Elgin street is constantly used for car parking purposes, and that the sodding alongside the sidewalks at both roadways is being persistently destroyed; and will steps be taken to correct this vandalism and preserve the park and boulevards on which great sums of Dominion and city public money have been invested to create a district of historic interest and scenic beauty?

9. It is a fact, is it not, that the total War Memorial outlay was \$292,796 or thereabouts?

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, in reply to this inquiry I would give the following information:

1. Public Works Department—

Acquisition of properties: Properties east of Elgin street and between Wellington and Sparks streets, \$1,126,969.11; Confederation Park—work done in vicinity of Elgin and Queen streets and the War Memorial, including the widening of Connaught Place, \$620,998.76; cost of new post office, including site, \$1,080,667.59. Total, \$2,828,635.46.

There is no information as to the value of the old Post Office building at time of demolition. The original building was built in 1876 at a cost of \$242,856.73. A further expenditure of \$341,897.99 was made for the restoration of the building after the fire of 1904, and for alterations and repairs since erection. The demolition cost was, \$3,547.

Federal District Commission—

1927-28, \$180,954.54. (Covers purchase of Dey's arena and land, Sherwood property, addition to west end of Laurier avenue bridge and filling and grading of Rideau canal basin.)

1928-29, \$1,328,078.75. (Purchase of properties in block bounded by Sparks, Elgin, Queen and canal, valuation, compensations, legal fees, etc.)

1929-30, \$130,749.78. (Birkett lease expropriated, grading, landscaping, etc.).

Total, \$1,639,783.07.

2. (a) \$147,000 (Exchequer Court award).

(b) Leased for 99 years from September 4, 1940, at \$5,000 per annum. The lease provides that the company pay all charges, taxes, rates and assessments which shall, during the term, be charged upon or payable in respect to the demised premises, and that the hotel building be vested in the Crown on the termination of the lease.

3. (a) Yes.

(b) The Exchequer Court award in each case was as follows: Estate of John Bishop, \$11,500; Laurentian Realty Company, \$145,000;

H. G. Colin Campbell, \$71,000; Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association, \$76,000; Elgin Realty Company, \$497,500; Mary Franklin, \$21,200; Laurentian Club, \$12,750.

4. Yes, for Confederation Park. No, for boulevard roadways on Elgin street.

5. No.

6. The Federal District Commission landscaped the hotel grounds and restored the grass strips fronting the hotel on Elgin street at the cost of the hotel company.

7. No.

8. The Federal District Commission is aware that the grass strip adjoining sidewalk on west side Elgin street between Queen street and Albert street has been damaged. It is difficult to correct this condition while the buildings facing Elgin street in this block are used for war business, with resultant parking of cars and service deliveries in connection therewith on Elgin street.

9. Yes, \$292,796.78.

INCOME TAX CONVENTION BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES

NOTICE OF MOTION

On the notice of motion by Hon. Mr. King:

That it is expedient that the Houses of Parliament do approve of the convention and protocol entered into at Washington on the 4th day of March, 1942, by the Government of Canada and the Government of United States of America concerning rates of income tax upon non-resident individuals and corporations, the avoidance of double taxation, the prevention of fiscal evasion in the case of income tax, and the exchange of certain fiscal information, and that this House do approve of the same.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, there are two points I should like the Minister to throw some light upon. Canadians who pay a sizable income tax have been allowed to deduct the United States tax of 27½ per cent, and I notice in the remarks of the Minister in another place that refunds will be made. How will these refunds be made? And how will Canadians who have already had the 27½ per cent deducted from their income tax be dealt with?

Hon. Mr. KING: I think the arrangement is that United States corporations will return to Canadian investors the amount of taxation over and above the rate now fixed.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Will the Government raise no objection in regard to those who have already benefited by the 27½ per cent deduction?

Hon. Mr. KING: Benefited?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Yes.