

Q. Is it \$10,000,000 or \$50,000,000?—A. That I do not know.

Q. In regard to the surplus assets on the continent or in other fields of action what are you doing about those? What plans have you got, and what has been done?—A. Negotiations are presently under way relative to our surplus in Europe, and if I might be permitted not to make a statement on that until next week when the negotiations are completed I would prefer it that way.

Q. So far we have not disposed of any of the surplus on the continent?—A. We have disposed of quite a piece of the surplus on the continent.

Q. You have disposed of some?—A. Yes. As one indication of some of the things we have done we sold some considerable time ago a number of trucks to UNRRA, and we invoiced UNRRA for over \$5,000,000 for those trucks.

The CHAIRMAN: May I just interrupt for a moment, Mr. Jackman? I was hoping that the committee would allow Mr. Berry to clear up all the answers. There are six of them in number. I think it will probably be better in the long run if we stick to those questions and clean up the order paper. Do not misunderstand me. We will follow right along.

By Mr. Probe:

Q. My question is one that has to do with what Mr. Jackman was asking with respect to overseas. I wanted to know in connection with the negotiations of the War Assets Corporation with respect to overseas material if negotiations are being conducted with private individuals or are they being conducted with governments of the countries where these assets are presently stored or both?—A. I have no specific knowledge of any negotiations with private individuals in relation to these things. To my knowledge they have all been with either governments or government agencies or recognized relief agencies.

Q. And there is little likelihood of any of the surplus assets overseas coming back to this country for disposal, according to your policy?—A. Correct.

Q. Because it is not economic?—A. It does not appear to be commercially feasible to bring anything back from overseas, and I do not know that it appears in the interests of the public to bring it back.

By the Chairman:

Q. Will Mr. Berry be good enough now to go on with No. 3?—A. Another question that was raised at our last meeting, gentlemen, was in relation to the situation at Boundary Bay, and I said I would have a look at that one and see what was going on. I have a prepared statement here in the matter if I may read it.

Q. And that was Mr. Reid's question, I believe.

A. With reference to the questions asked on Tuesday, April 2, concerning Boundary Bay, B.C. I have now investigated the situation and find that joint action by both the R.C.A.F. and War Assets Corporation is being taken in the matter of surplus at this point.

The R.C.A.F. in consultation with War Assets Corporation made available to War Assets Corporation as temporary warehousing two hangars at Boundary Bay, after discussions with the Corporation which revealed that the Corporation was unable to obtain suitable warehousing space in the Vancouver district.

These two hangars are now in process of being staffed by War Assets Corporation, having previously been operated by the R.C.A.F. pending War Assets Corporation people being available.

Briefly, the situation is as follows:

1. The R.C.A.F. have an establishment at Vancouver known as No. 2 E Depot which is a permanent establishment and which is used by them for consolidating all their permanent force stores from the surrounding district.