

War Appropriation Bill

Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, New Glasgow, 4-inch single mountings, and 4-inch twin mountings, naval, \$3,500,000, for United Kingdom account.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): What is the date of that?

Mr. HOWE: I cannot give the exact date offhand, but it was about October, perhaps earlier, September.

Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Company, Limited, Toronto, gunfire and brake control equipment and relay controlled valves, \$44,000 for Canadian account. Another contract with the same company for military tires, \$8,825, for Canadian account.

Mr. MacNICOL: Is that the Dunlop company in Toronto?

Mr. HOWE: Yes. Another for the Dunlop company, Toronto, for tires, \$6,195, for Canadian account. Another with the same company for \$3,200, and another for \$148,500, both for Canadian account.

Mr. HAZEN: Were all these amounts advanced in the last fiscal year?

Mr. HOWE: No. The amounts actually advanced in cash were given by the minister. They represent not more than 15 or 20 per cent of the total.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): But they are made out of the war appropriation of 1940, are they not?

Mr. HOWE: Yes, but I am giving now the total commitments, what we are committed to on capital account.

Mr. MacNICOL: For a particular function?

Mr. HOWE: Capital account for producing munitions of war.

Mr. MacNICOL: It does not necessarily mean that it has all been advanced.

Mr. HOWE: Oh, no.

Mr. HARRIS (Danforth): Does it include some working capital too?

Mr. HOWE: No; these are purely for capital account.

Mr. HAZEN: How much has actually been advanced?

Mr. HOWE: The minister gave that figure a short time ago, \$48,749,000. The totals I am giving now represent \$112,013,323 for British account, \$88,651,576 for Canadian account, and \$106,453,775 for joint account, making a total commitment of \$307,118,674.

Mr. GREEN: Is that to be the complete programme, or are there further commitments?

[Mr. Howe.]

Mr. HOWE: Those are the commitments to date. We get requests from time to time from the United Kingdom for additional capacity here, and if it is possible to provide capacity here we go ahead and provide it.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is provided for by this resolution?

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Mr. GREEN: But this is intended to be the bulk of the programme, is it?

Mr. HOWE: No, I would not say that. It is the commitments we have actually made to date. We have other things in contemplation, other things under the programme referred to here. We have certain commitments which we are studying in connection with working out plastics.

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland): Does the list from which the minister is reading include commitments or advances for industries or establishments wholly government owned, or is it assistance or advances only to privately owned enterprises?

Mr. HOWE: No. You mean assistance to wholly owned government companies?

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland): Yes.

Mr. HOWE: Those are in the nature of a revolving fund. There is no government company which itself has assets.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): These are advances which the government is making to private concerns to meet production?

Mr. HOWE: That is right.

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland): Does the list from which the minister is reading include advances or commitments to Federal Aircraft or an estimate of what will be required to carry out the programme allotted to Federal Aircraft?

Mr. HOWE: No; but I shall qualify that in a moment. Federal Aircraft is not a manufacturing company. It is a company that designs and supplies requirements, but the actual manufacturing is done in privately owned plants, and the advances to privately owned plants are here. Except for a small manufacturing enterprise which Federal Aircraft are conducting with their own facilities, and which is included here, the advances go to the manufacturing companies. Federal Aircraft simply makes the contracts with the privately owned companies.

Mr. GREEN: Does this expenditure of approximately \$310,000,000 cover the total expenditure by the Canadian and British governments in Canada for plant and equipment?