6. Cost to date, $2,930,723.38, as follows:

Refrigeration and equipment	$1,290,494 62
Excavation and piling foundation	125,526 73
Superstructure	1,350,308 42
Power House ⅔ cost	164,393 61

7. For plans, specifications, superintendence and co-operation, $60,705.42, was paid to John S. Metcalf Co. Ltd.

8. Building was completed by harbour commissioners' organization, and plant was put in operation in May, 1922.

NO. 3 ELEVATOR—MONTREAL

Hon. Mr. STEVENS:

1. Who prepared plans for No. 3 elevator, Montreal, and what was the engineer's estimate of cost?
2. Were tenders called for the erection of said elevator, and, if so, in what manner?
3. How many firms tendered, and what are the names of such firms or individuals?
4. What was the amount of the lowest tender?
5. Was the lowest tender, or any of the tenders, accepted? If not, for what reason?
6. Was a contract later given to Metcalf & Company?
7. What did such contract include?
8. Were tenders called for this changed or amended contract?
9. What were the terms and amount of said contract?
10. What was the engineer's estimate of amended plan, and who prepared the plans?
11. How much has been paid to Metcalf & Company (a) to prepare original plans; (b) to prepare amended plans; (c) as commission as supervisors?

Hon. Mr. CARDIN:

1. The original plans were prepared by The John S. Metcalf Coy., Ltd., grain elevator engineers, Montreal, their estimate being the sum of $2,347,000, not including percentage for plans, estimates, engineering, superintendence, etc.

2. By public advertisement, on 10th March, 1923, in all the English and French local newspapers.

3. Seven firms,—

(1) E. G. M. Cape & Coy., Montreal.

(2) Atlas Construction Co., Ltd., Montreal.

(3) John Quinlan & Co., Ltd., Montreal.

(4) Downing, Cook & Coy., Montreal.

(5) Quinlan, Robertson & Janin, Ltd., Montreal.

(6) Barnett, McQueen Co., Ltd., Fort William.

(7) Fegles Construction Co., Ltd., Fort William.

4. $3,217,500. Jno. S. Metcalf Company's fee of 5 per cent for plans, specifications and estimates not included.

5. No tender accepted. Bids were too high.

6. Yes, on 17th April, 1923.

7. Plans, estimates, superintendence of work, preparation of bids for materials, tabulation and reports on same, provide at own expense all large items of working plant, and to assume full responsibility for satisfactory work.

8. Tenders were called on amended plans only.

9. Plans and specifications, 2½ per cent, and engineering superintendence, 7½ per cent, or 10 per cent in all on an amount not exceeding $3,000,000.

10. $3,194,500, including the 10 per cent for plans, superintendence, etc., as above mentioned in item 9.

11. (a) (b): Amended plans and original plans, included in original contract—(2½ per cent).

Amount paid to 31st Jan., 1925	$ 72,888.30
(c) Amount paid to 31st Jan., 1925	160,617.49
(5½ per cent) or total of	$233,505.79

2 per cent being held back until final acceptance.

POTATO EMBARGO

Mr. HANSON:

1. Has the government any knowledge of the report as published in newspapers of the 7th and 21st instants, that an embargo against Canadian potatoes has been placed by the British government?
2. If so, what action, if any, does the government propose to take to have this embargo removed?
3. What action, if any, did the government take to prevent this embargo taking effect?
4. Does the embargo apply to potatoes grown in the United States?
5. If not, what is the attitude of the British government with reference to the importation of potatoes from the United States?

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL:

1. Yes, the report is correct.

2. 3. When the possibility of the embargo was first reported, the following cable was sent to the High Commissioner: "Unofficially reported here that British ministry contemplate putting embargo on Canadian potatoes because of presence here of Colorado beetle. This beetle has been in Canada for half century and to take objection to it now would be extremely unfortunate and untimely in view of recent action of United Kingdom looking to promotion of inter-Empire trade by establishing marketing committee upon which dominions have been invited to appoint representatives. Urge you have any such suggested action stayed until whole situation is carefully surveyed from all angles as another ill advised cattle embargo incident would be unfortunate."