

of fertilizer had resulted in the Government recovering practically all of the original investment. Discussions took place with Consolidated with respect to the purchase by them of the plants and Consolidated, after lengthy discussion, offered \$6,350,000 for the two plants. Having regard to the nature of the plants, it was not felt advisable to ask for public tenders, but rather that a bid or bids should be solicited from any other company in Canada which it was felt would be interested in purchasing the plants. Standard Chemical Company Limited of Toronto was asked to submit a bid and it offered the sum of \$7,500,000 for the two plants, payable over ten years. The plants were offered to Consolidated upon the same terms and conditions as made in the offer from Standard Chemical Company Limited, and were accepted by Consolidated. Consolidated has since agreed to pay the full purchase price in cash.

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APPENDIX D

Answer to question By Mr. J. W. Murphy, M.P.

THE MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY

OTTAWA, CANADA

AUGUST 14, 1946.

R. ARSENAULT, Esquire,
Room 433, House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. ARSENAULT: Re—*Special Committee on War Expenditures and Economies*

At the meeting on June 18, 1946 an answer was given to a question asked by Mr. Murphy, M.P., concerning aircraft engines which had been advertised for sale by War Assets Corporation and it was indicated that supplementary information would be given.

I enclose herewith four copies of the question and answer.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE J. McILRAITH,
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister.

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