

THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 5, 1974

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Report of the Canadian Dairy Commission, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 22 of the *Canadian Dairy Commission Act*, Chapter C-7, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Canadian Grain Commission for the year ended December 31, 1972, pursuant to section 14 of the *Canada Grain Act*, Chapter 7, Statutes of Canada, 1970-71-72.

Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1975.

Report of the National Arts Centre Corporation, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 17 of the *National Arts Centre Act*, Chapter N-2, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Department of Communications for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 6 of the *Department of Communications Act*, Chapter C-24, R.S.C., 1970.

Annual Report to the Governments of the United States and Canada by the Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board for the period October 1, 1972 to September 30, 1973 (English text).

Copies of an Agreement between the Government of Canada, the Government of Quebec and Quebec-Hydro Electric Commission concerning the cooperation of the Government of Canada in the establishment and development of the Hydro-Quebec Institute of Research.

Report of the Solicitor General of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 5 of the *Department of the Solicitor General Act*, Chapter S-12, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Metric Commission for the period June 1971 to March 31, 1973.

Report of the Department of Manpower and Immigration for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 5 of the *Department of Manpower and Immigration Act*, Chapter M-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Copies of Parts 1 and 2 of a Study by the Systems Analysis Branch of the Canadian Transport Commission, entitled "Midwestern Ontario—Bruce Public Transport" and dated December 1973.

[Later:]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

DERAILMENT AT MONK SUBDIVISION OF ATLANTIC REGION
ON MARCH 7, 1972—INQUIRY ANSWERED

Hon. Edgar E. Fournier inquired of the government pursuant to notice:

What was the total expenditure incurred by the Canadian National Railways in a train derailment at the Monk sub-division of the Atlantic region on March 7, 1972 on train 340 at mileage 92.1?

What was the number of cars involved and how many were written off? How many were repaired and at what cost?

What was the total value of tonnage merchandise lost? What tonnage of merchandise was recuperated, and at what loss to the company?

How many feet of roadbed had to be rebuilt and at what cost? How long did it take to complete the repairs?

What was the cost of (a) material and (b) labour for repairing the bridge involved?

How many trains were rerouted via other transit during the repair period and at what cost?

Hon. Paul Martin: Answered.

Date of accident: March 7, 1972, at 5.25 a.m. E.S.T.

Location of accident: Eatonville (P.Q.) milestone 92.1 of the CN Monk subdivision.

Type of accident: Derailment of 49 cars from the 27th car behind the diesel locomotives and partial destruction of the bridge.

Cause: Track failure (abnormal lateral pressure on the upper rail at the western end of the bridge).

Train and direction: Extra 5049; east (manifest 340).

Train composition: 2 diesel locomotives pulling 69 wagons, 25 empty, 5,747 tons.

Speed at derailment: 40 m.p.h.

Number of cars derailed: 49.

Cost:

Loss on load: \$305,269 (sum recovered still unknown).

Equipment: \$435,270 (43 wagons to scrap—6 repaired at a cost of \$7,718).

Bridge: \$98,000 (material \$50,000; labour \$48,000).

Track: \$19,000 (440 feet of track).

Signals: \$1,000.

Diversion: \$43,000 (27 trains via CP and MC).

Auxiliaries: \$20,000 (crane and emergency personnel).

Rentals: \$29,120 (heavy equipment rented locally).

Transportation and telecommunications: \$800.