

## Questions

## RADIO COMMISSION—COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. CASGRAIN:

Are the communications, orders, directions and instructions issued by the radio commission to the various radio stations throughout the country, published in French?

Mr. DURANLEAU: The following information has been furnished by the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission:

Communications, orders, etc., addressed to French stations are sent in the French language. Official news is prepared in both languages for the press. No general regulations have been issued, pending the renewal of licences in a few weeks, but will be issued in both languages.

## GRAIN APPEAL BOARD

Mr. COOTE:

Who are the members of the Grain Appeal Board at Calgary and on what date were said parties appointed?

Mr. STEVENS: G. Hill, (chairman), appointed August, 1925; C. W. Roenisch, J. A. Harris, W. McLeod, E. J. Munson, A. Pierson, appointed August, 1925; Willard Cumming, appointed October, 1925; F. T. Allison, appointed September, 1932; F. W. Mackenzie, (secretary), appointed October, 1930.

## TIE CONTRACTS—ALBERTA

Mr. SPENCER:

1. How many tie contracts were given during the fall and winter of 1932-1933 in the province of Alberta from: (a) the Canadian National Railways; (b) the Northern Alberta Railways?

2. To whom were contracts awarded?

3. How many ties were supplied through each contract?

4. What price was paid in the case of each contract?

Mr. MANION: The Department of Railways and Canals has no information with respect to the tie contracts of either of these railroads. The Northern Alberta Railways are not owned by the government, but are jointly owned and operated by the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railways.

The questions relate to the business administration of the Canadian National Railways, the management of which does not consider it in the interests of the railway, nor in the general public interest, to publish information the production of which is not required of privately-owned railways.

## EASTERN CAR COMPANY, LIMITED

Mr. RALSTON:

1. Has the government participated in any financial arrangements respecting the recent purchase of 500 cars from the Eastern Car [Mr. Manion.]

Company, Limited, for the use of the Canadian National Railways?

2. If so, what were the terms of such participation?

Mr. MANION:

1. The order in question was placed by the railway, with the approval of the government, as an unemployment relief measure.

2. It is subject to certain conditions such as rotation of labour and the spreading out of the period of employment by arranging that delivery shall not exceed eight cars per day. In addition, payment for the cars is required to be deferred until January 2, 1934, the company meanwhile to make its own financial arrangements.

## \*ADVANCES TO NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. DUFF:

1. What amount, if any, was advanced by the government of Canada to the government of Newfoundland about January 2, 1933, to pay the interest on part of Newfoundland's bonded indebtedness?

2. What was the total amount of interest owing by Newfoundland on or about that date, and the rate of said interest?

3. What security has the Dominion of Canada for said loan?

4. What are the terms regarding payment of said amount loaned by Canada, and the interest rate?

5. What is the total amount of Newfoundland's bonded and other financial indebtedness?

Mr. BENNETT: The first of these questions was answered by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) on February 7, at page 1874 of Hansard. The answer to the second question is as follows: According to the information available the interest payable by the government of Newfoundland on January 1, 1933, amounted to \$2,482,450, including \$180,000 for exchange. The rate of interest on the various loans outstanding ranged from 3½ per cent to 6 per cent per annum. Questions 3 and 4 were answered by the answer to the first question. In reply to the last question, according to the information available the total external debt of the government of Newfoundland on January 1, 1933, was approximately \$95,000,000.

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

## GRAIN ELEVATORS—OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Mr. COWAN (Port Arthur):

Regarding ownership, management and control of grain elevators built at public expense: (a) where are such elevators located; (b) who owns the said elevators; (c) by whom are such elevators operated; (d) are such elevators operated as public elevators or as public terminal elevators; (e) which of these elevators are operated under control of the Department