

(6) STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

MEETING No. 10

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(a) Mr. Fisher asked Mr. Bernard the volume or scale of surplus heavy construction equipment that might effect the distribution into the market. Mr. Bernard stated that if Pepperrell was closed down there would be enough equipment to take care of the requirements of the Maritimes for a few years to come.

I have obtained information from the U.S. Authorities who state that at Pepperrell there is one $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. Two Lorain Shovel and two or possibly three Caterpillar Tractors for disposal in the Fall.

(b) Mr. Smith asked Mr. Bernard where in Canada the bulk of American equipment is that is likely to become surplus during the next few years. Mr. Bernard stated that it has been mostly in Newfoundland but there might be some in Churchill or Frobisher.

I have, likewise, taken this matter up with the U.S. Authorities and am informed that after this year, on completion of construction programmes, there will be very little heavy construction equipment reported in Newfoundland. Churchill over the past years has reported surplus only three Crane Shovels and practically no other heavy construction equipment. At Frobisher the U.S. Government transferred all their heavy construction to the Canadian Department of Transport to fill their requirement on taking over the operation of Frobisher as an International airport. This equipment has not been reported surplus for disposal by the Department of Transport. At Harmon and Goose Air Bases the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, will be reporting for disposal this Fall one $\frac{3}{4}$ cu. yd. Lorain Shovel, truck mounted at Goose and one Koehring Crawler Crane at Harmon. At these locations the USAF will be reporting one Truck Mounted and one Crawler Crane at Harmon and as of this date there are no Cranes or Shovels known to be surplus for disposal.