

Mr. CAMERON (*High Park*): I have one concluding question. In your opinion, and in that of the department, is this new organization carrying on, doing a satisfactory job, and living up to the contract in every respect, or have you any complaints whatsoever?

Mr. SCOTT: So far as I am aware they are doing quite well.

(*Translation*)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Leblanc.

Mr. LEBLANC: I would like to speak in French, Mr. Chairman, because it is easier for me. What was the duration of the lease between the minister and the first group, signed on January 3, 1961?

(*Text*)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Smith?

Mr. SMITH: The lease is supposed to be for a period of five years with provision for an opportunity for two further renewals of five years each.

(*Translation*)

Mr. LEBLANC: Did that lease contain provisions granting more protection to the Department of Transport than to the first group which obtained the contract? So far, it seems that all the advantages were in favour of the first group and not in favour of the Department of Transport.

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The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH: I think that is a question which might more advantageously be answered by the department.

Mr. LEBLANC: Is that your attitude?

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Do you have an answer to that, Mr. Scott?

Mr. HENDERSON: We have the lease here. It would be very easy to answer any specific question. Actually I read the lease and I thought that the department had made a pretty good watertight lease. In fact, it was as a result of seeing the clause which had to do with responsibility in reference to the furnishings, which required invoices to be furnished within 60 days that my officers called for the receipts; and there was the standard cancellation clause of non-performance. It is a very long document, but I thought it was a good lease that they made.

Mr. WINCH: But you did not receive the invoices?

Mr. HENDERSON: We did not receive the invoices, as I say here. We had a number of other questions in connection with the lack of performance in the matter.

Mr. CAMERON (*High Park*): You make the statement that the legal form of the contract was good?

Mr. HENDERSON: I recognized the clauses to be the standard ones you would expect.

Mr. CAMERON (*High Park*): The contract then was a good one, formally.

Mr. HENDERSON: That is right. I do not presume to be a lawyer, but I thought that they had endeavoured to foresee every possible contingency pretty effectively.

(*Translation*)

Mr. LEBLANC: Then, the financial difficulties experienced by the first group, which subsequently formed itself into a corporation, are not attributable to the fact that the Department of Transport would have charged them an excessive amount for the lease? I believe they themselves set the amount of the lease they