

Department of Transport Stores

Mr. Chevrier: Yes.

Mr. Knowles: Then you used \$12 million worth of stores last year?

Mr. Chevrier: No. There one must differentiate between direct purchases and stores actually on hand. We used \$8 million worth of stores and purchased other materials outside of stores. For instance, we do not stock coal, and things of that kind.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Those things which came direct.

Mr. Chevrier: Yes, that is a better word. Those were purchased outside, and did not form part of stores.

Mr. Fulton: They never went through the Department of Finance at all?

Mr. Chevrier: That is right.

Mr. Knowles: When the minister gave me the figure of \$12 million provided in the estimates of last year for stores, that figure included both stores and purchases in the sense of purchasing coal.

Mr. Chevrier: Yes.

Mr. Knowles: Has it been found possible by means of this act to exceed in any year, such as last year, the total amount of money provided in the estimates so far as stores and purchases are concerned?

Mr. Chevrier: No.

Mr. Knowles: You have not found it possible to do that?

Mr. Chevrier: No.

Mr. Knowles: And you do not think you will find it possible to do that in the future?

Mr. Chevrier: I am sure we will not.

Mr. Higgins: I am trying to understand the Newfoundland item. I understand the figure is now \$1,200,000; is that correct?

Mr. Chevrier: The figure originally indicated was \$1,200,000.

Mr. Higgins: But the first figure was \$1,180,000, was it not?

Mr. Chevrier: For the purposes of this discussion, that is roughly \$1,200,000.

Mr. Higgins: And this \$1,158,000 has not yet been charged. That is actually what it came to.

Mr. Chevrier: That is right.

Mr. Higgins: That is what you actually paid out.

Mr. Chevrier: The Department of Finance did. We did not pay it out, because it has not been transferred to us.

[Mr. Knowles.]

Mr. Higgins: That is what has been paid out.

Mr. Chevrier: Yes.

Mr. Higgins: The minister also said, as indicated in *Hansard* at page 2217, of May 5, that there was a sum of \$300,000 to cover the value of outstanding accounts receivable for issues from Newfoundland stores pending recovery from votes. What was that for?

Mr. Chevrier: That was the sum required to cover outstanding accounts receivable for issues from Newfoundland stores, pending recovery from votes. It was an item which indicated a break-down of the \$2 million which was required over and above the inventory of \$3 million. I was trying to explain how the \$5 million was made up at the time.

Mr. Higgins: Does the minister mean that the \$300,000 included the two items he has just given me?

Mr. Chevrier: I gave the amounts. I am not too clear on them myself.

Mr. Higgins: You mean the \$2 million, over and above the \$3 million, included the \$300,000 you are now talking about? What stores are you planning to carry in Newfoundland yearly?

Mr. Chevrier: Roughly a million dollars.

Mr. Higgins: What would they be actually? How much at Gander?

Mr. Chevrier: I shall give the three items that are most important, and they are almost stationary. In themselves they make up practically the full amount. For plant, shop machinery and transmission equipment, parts and accessories, \$293,738; and that must remain.

Mr. Higgins: That is not a yearly amount; that is fixed.

Mr. Chevrier: We are talking about stores.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Is plant considered stores?

Mr. Chevrier: Yes, plant in the sense of machinery for aircraft repairs. Then there is fuel, gas, petroleum products and oil, which must remain almost fixed, \$406,946, for Newfoundland.

Mr. Higgins: What would that be for? What would you be supplying?

Mr. Chevrier: Aircraft.

Mr. Higgins: Just Trans-Canada?

Mr. Chevrier: Not necessarily. There are purchases made from our stores at Gander by various air lines. They buy their gasoline.