

## Questions

## COLEMAN, ALTA., AIRPORT

Mr. HANSELL:

1. Is the airport at Coleman, Alberta, a government project?
2. If so, how much did it cost?
3. Was the work on this airport a government relief project or was it done by contract?
4. Has the work been completed?
5. If not, when is it expected to be completed?

Mr. HOWE:

1. Yes.
2. \$98,334.52 (31-12-37).
3. Expenditure of \$75,707.53 under unemployment relief. Expenditure of \$22,629.99 under civil aviation division. (All work done by day labour).
- 4 and 5. All work proposed for present has been completed.

NOTE: Re No. 4. Grading and surfacing completed. Boundary markers, circular markers and fencing erected. Building completed for radio-meteorological services. Field suitable for high-speed aircraft.

## INCOME TAX LEVIES

Mr. CHURCH:

Will the government consider summoning another interprovincial-dominion conference on the whole subject of Income tax levies with a view of restoring this tax to the municipalities in whole or in part?

Mr. DUNNING: This question relates to a matter of policy and it is not usual for the government to make statements on matters of policy in giving replies to questions.

## \*INCOME TAX—REFERENCE TO SUPREME COURT

Mr. CHURCH:

In view of the triplicate income tax in Canada by federal, provincial and municipal authorities on the same class of personal property, will the government consider submitting to the Supreme Court of Canada, under the Supreme Court Act, a reference to clear up the whole question of jurisdiction on this form of taxation?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): No.

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Will the government refer for the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada under the Supreme Court Act, a reference to the jurisdiction of federal power to levy, assess, and collect with interest, and penalties and distraint an income tax as agent for provincial authority?
2. Will a stated case by way of a reference be made by the government on matters which conflict with the case of *The King vs. Caron*?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East):

1. No.
2. No.

[Mr. Howe.]

## RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AS GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA

Mr. CHURCH:

On January 27 and February 9, pursuant to an order of the house, a return was laid on the table in answer to my inquiry: "Has Canada approved, or been asked to approve, of the conquest of Ethiopia by Italy." In view of the statement yesterday by the Prime Minister of Great Britain that they have recognized this conquest de facto, has the government of Canada approved of the action taken since the return mentioned was tabled?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The Canadian government is not aware of any statement made by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on March 2nd that the United Kingdom has recognized de facto the conquest of Ethiopia by Italy. A statement of March 2nd respecting this question was, however, made by the foreign office in connection with litigation at present before the courts in London. This statement is reported in press dispatches as follows:

His Majesty's government recognize the Italian government as the government de facto of the part of Ethiopia which they control, and according to their information the Italian government now is in control of virtually the whole of Ethiopia. His Majesty's government therefore recognize the Italian government as the government de facto of virtually the whole of Ethiopia.

The foreign office statement does not purport to indicate that recognition of the Italian government as the de facto government of the part of Ethiopia which they control has only recently been accorded. The de facto recognition, to which reference is made, may be considered to have taken place during the latter part of 1936 or early in 1937, when the governments of the United Kingdom, France and certain other countries, after securing from the Italian authorities formal assurances of the grant of adequate facilities, decided to reduce their respective legations at Addis Ababa to consulates.

## ROWELL COMMISSION—TOTAL COST TO DATE

Mr. JAQUES:

1. What is the total cost to date of the Rowell commission?
2. What are the rates of pay and allowances (travelling and living) made to the commissioners, and the amount paid to date to said commissioners?
3. What are the rates of pay and allowances of any kind to counsel and assistant counsel of the commission, and the amount paid to date to each such official by name, under these or other heads?