

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, November 15, 1932

The house met at three o'clock.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I desire to lay on the table of the house several orders in council passed pursuant to the relief measures, all referring to payments of money.

REPORT OF PIG COMMISSION

Hon. H. H. STEVENS (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I wish to lay on the table of the house the report, asked for last night by hon. members, of the British reorganization commission on pigs and pig products.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

SASKATCHEWAN RELIEF COMMISSION

Mr. BOTHWELL:

1. What returns, if any, has the government received from the Saskatchewan relief commission, or the Saskatchewan government, this year, on account of the notes taken from farmers of that province for relief extended from September 1, 1931, to date?

2. What moneys, and on what dates, have been advanced by the government to the Saskatchewan relief commission, or the Saskatchewan government for relief purposes, since March 31, 1932?

3. What is the amount of indebtedness incurred by the Saskatchewan relief commission, and not paid, up to November 1, 1932?

Mr. GORDON:

1. None.

2. To the Saskatchewan government for the credit of the Saskatchewan relief commission for relief: May 19, 1932, \$1,500,000; July 25, 1932, \$2,000,000; August 18, 1932, \$1,500,000 and for seed and seeding operations: April 6, 1932, \$2,000,000; April 12, 1932, \$2,000,000; May 4, 1932, \$2,000,000.

To the Saskatchewan government by way of loans to enable the province to make loans to municipalities, and for other governmental services: April 24, 1932, \$500,000; September 14, 1932, \$646,962 04.

3. No information.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF—GRANBY, QUE.

Mr. TETREAULT:

1. Did the municipal council of the township of Granby make an application for unemployment relief money in 1930?

2. If so, what was the amount?

3. On what date did the provincial government of Quebec produce its accounts with respect to this application?

4. Were representations made to the federal government regarding the settlement of these accounts?

5. If so, by whom and on what date were such representations made?

Mr. GORDON:

1 and 2. Under the Unemployment Relief Act, 1930, federal approval was given to a program of relief works submitted by the province of Quebec on behalf of Granby township, consisting of road works, water works, and bridge work, the total estimated cost of which amounted to \$6,000, to which the Dominion government agreed to contribute 25 per cent or \$1,500.

3, 4, and 5. No accounts have yet been received from the provincial government in respect to the works above referred to. On August 11, 1932, the Dominion wrote to the province stating that it was understood that accounts covering the works referred to had been forwarded to the province by the municipality, and asking if accounts would be rendered to the Dominion government. Under date of August 24 the provincial authorities replied stating that they were awaiting a reply to communications addressed by the province to the municipality.

CLARK STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Mr. LAVERGNE:

1. Did the Clark Steamship Company receive subsidies from the government during the past ten years?

2. If so, what were the amounts of subsidies and for what purposes were they granted?

Mr. STEVENS:

1. Yes.

2. (a) For each season of navigation on the St. Lawrence from 1922 to 1924, inclusive: (1) Quebec and Natashquan, etc., \$85,000 per