

Questions

An Act respecting the Toronto Harbour Commissioners.

An Act to amend the Soldier Settlement Act.

An Act to assist the Province of Saskatchewan in financing the cost of seed and seeding operations for the crop year 1936.

An Act respecting the establishment of a National Employment Commission.

An Act to provide for the Payment of certain sums of Money to primary producers of Wheat with respect to wheat of the 1930 crop delivered to provincial pool organizations.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1936.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1937.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order, until Monday, April 20.

Monday, April 20, 1936

The house met at three o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSION

Mr. DESLAURIERS:

1. In what year was the expropriation of St. Redempteur vestry-board, Notre Dame street east, Montreal, carried out, and at what cost?

2. Was the objective of this expropriation to acquire a site for the erection of a power house plant there, which would have produced the electricity needed by the harbour commission?

3. Is the government aware that in view of the erection of this power house plant, electric material amounting to many thousands of dollars was purchased, and that the Montreal harbour is still in possession of most of this electric material?

4. What are the reasons which prevented this project being put into execution?

Mr. HOWE:

The following information has been supplied by the harbour commissioners of Montreal.

1. This property was not expropriated. Purchased in 1929. Area 122,140 square feet. Price: land, \$305,350; buildings, \$25,000; total, \$330,350.

2. No. The object of the purchase was for extension of the harbour yard and erection of an electric substation to house equipment already installed temporarily in a shed at the

[The Speaker.]

harbour yard and additional new equipment mentioned in answer to question 3. It was not intended that this substation would produce electricity. Its intended use was transforming and converting current received from the power company for use on the harbour.

3. The harbour yard facilities have been extended but the electric substation has not been built. The commissioners purchased electrical equipment for this substation in the years 1927, 1928 and 1929 and they still have some of it in storage and the balance of this equipment has been installed and is in use in the temporary substation in the shed at the harbour yard.

4. The anticipated increase in harbour operations and in power consumed on which the project was based did not materialize, consequently it was found unnecessary to erect the electric substation. The equipment already installed in the temporary substation in shed at harbour yard is of sufficient capacity to supply present needs in the area served by this substation.

MONTREAL-GRANBY RAILWAY LINE

Mr. DESLAURIERS:

1. Since what date has the railway line between Montreal and Granby been electrified?

2. What has been the financial result of its operations for each year?

3. By whom is the electric energy supplied to this line, and what is the price of each horse power supplied?

4. Does the government intend to abandon using electricity as the motive power for this line?

5. What is the length of the said line?

Mr. HOWE:

1. The Montreal and southern counties railway always has been an electric line. It was extended to Granby in 1916.

2. Operating results, including interest on notes, also profit and loss, have been as follows since the Canadian National management took over from the Grand Trunk:

Year		
1923..	.. .. .	..deficit..\$ 77,434 81
1924..	.. .. .	.. " .. 39,449 88
1925..	.. .. .	.. " .. 51,207 74
1926..	.. .. .	..profit.. 3,264 82
1927..	.. .. .	..deficit.. 14,235 24
1928..	.. .. .	.. " .. 43,343 95
1929..	.. .. .	.. " .. 12,346 09
1930..	.. .. .	.. " .. 35,901 80
1931..	.. .. .	.. " .. 166,217 71
1932..	.. .. .	.. " .. 259,082 09
1933..	.. .. .	.. " .. 162,483 63
1934..	.. .. .	.. " .. 189,348 94
1935..	.. .. .	.. " .. 196,800 95