

Mr. BENNETT: Has the location of the road to Radium Hot Springs been settled?

Mr. CRERAR: The final location has not been settled yet. The British Columbia government are making a survey on both sides of Windermere lake with a view to obtaining information as to relative costs. As far as the department here is concerned, we want the road built where the expenditure will be the least, because our main purpose is to get tourists through to the park.

Mr. BENNETT: Does the department supply the hard surfacing?

Mr. CRERAR: The work is done by the highways department of the province of British Columbia under agreement between the Department of Mines and Resources here and the British Columbia government. Of course, we have the right to inspect the work as it progresses in order to see that it is carried out in accordance with the agreement.

Mr. STIRLING: If all that comes out of this \$600,000, it seems to me there will not be much left for the west side of the Big Bend road.

Mr. CRERAR: At the moment I cannot tell my hon. friend what will be the expenditure on the west leg of that road. There will be a total of about \$325,000 spent on the road from Golden to Revelstoke, but part of that expenditure is for a section between Golden and Donald. I have forgotten the exact distance, but it is some six or seven miles. Then there is the maintenance of the east leg, together with some minor improvements to it. I should think probably \$200,000 or \$250,000 will be spent on the west leg, although I cannot give that as a definite figure.

Item agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Amount to be applied by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada towards the cost of actual construction work for the protection, safety and convenience of the public in respect of highway crossings of railways, as the governor in council may from time to time determine, \$2,500,000.

Mr. BENNETT: Is this subject to the same general rules with respect to subways as heretofore?

Mr. HOWE: Yes; this represents an accumulation of the moneys voted, but not expended.

Item agreed to.

Marine Service—River St. Lawrence ship channel dredging:

(a) To provide for contract dredging in St. Lawrence river and Montreal harbour, \$2,000,000.

(b) To provide for the maintenance and operation of the government ship channel fleet and the government shipyard while engaged in the deepening and improvement of the ship channel, including all necessary repairs and reconditioning, \$700,000.

Mr. HOWE: Mr. Chairman, I should like to revert to this item 72, to deal with a matter which I overlooked when the item was passed previously. The item was divided, and provides \$2,000,000 for dredging in the St. Lawrence river and \$700,000 for dredging by our own fleet. I shall ask my colleague to move an amendment which will have the effect of consolidating these two items into one item, to permit the \$700,000 to be expended either on our own fleet or on contract. We have some plans in mind which may make the change desirable.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I move accordingly.

Mr. BENNETT: In that event would the government's fleet not be used at all?

Mr. HOWE: It means that we are consolidating the two items, and the wording will be such that we can do it with our own fleet, or otherwise.

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Air service—civil aviation—construction of airways, airports and radio stations, further amount required, \$915,000.

Mr. BENNETT: What is the breakdown of this item?

Mr. DUNNING: It was given when we discussed the main estimates.

Item agreed to.

Civil aviation—to provide for contributions to assist municipalities on the trans-Canada airway to improve existing airports or provide new airports, \$500,000.

Mr. BENNETT: Can the minister say where that is to be spent?

Mr. HOWE: There is this situation along the line of the Trans-Canada airways, that a number of cities have expended considerable sums in the building of airports. To permit the use of modern equipment many of these airports will have to be extended and enlarged. In many cases the cities are not in a