

Questions

MR. W. C. THOMSON

Mr. Hees:

1. What was the total amount of money paid to W. C. Thomson by the Department of Veterans Affairs from January 1, 1945, to date, for (a) services; (b) expenses; (c) disbursements?

2. Of the above payment, how much was paid for abstracts of title, loan application, or other transactions involving assistance to veterans (a) handled by Mr. Thomson; (b) distributed to agents by Mr. Thomson?

Mr. Mutch:

1. (a) \$252,760.70; (b) \$134.48; (c) \$92,722.15.

Note: The above sums include payments between April 1, 1944, and January 1, 1945, it being impossible to separate the payments in this particular period from those for the whole financial year 1944-45 as the vouchers for the year are not available. For the same reason, it is not possible to distinguish between disbursements and expenses for this period but the amounts in question are a small part of the whole.

2. The following are payments for transactions involving assistance to veterans for \$248,340.70 of the figure of \$252,760.70 shown in answer to No. 1 (a):

(a) Litigations and commissions—handled by Mr. Thomson: No. of cases, 6; amount, \$4,437.90. Legal services relating to titles *re* land purchased for veterans—handled by Mr. Thomson: No. of cases, 7,848; amount, \$215,517.80.

(b) Legal services relating to titles *re* land purchased for veterans—distributed to agents by Mr. Thomson: No. of cases, 1,622; amount, \$28,385.00.

Note: Due to the vouchers for the fiscal year 1944-45 not being available, the balance of \$4,420.00 cannot be broken down as between the cases handled by Mr. Thomson and those distributed to agents.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER HILLSBOROUGH RIVER,
P. E. I.**Mr. McLure:**

1. Who owns the condemned railway bridge over the Hillsborough river, Charlottetown to Southport?

2. To whom will the Prince Edward Island government pay rent for using this bridge for vehicular traffic?

Mr. Benidickson:

1. The records of the Department of Transport indicate that the Hillsborough bridge is owned by His Majesty the King in right of Canada.

2. There is no agreement with the government of Prince Edward Island for paying rent for the use of this bridge for vehicular traffic but the provincial government is obligated

[Mr. Prudham.]

under an agreement of April 18, 1900, to contribute annually towards the interest on the cost of the construction and maintenance of the bridge the sum of \$9,750.

NEW BRUNSWICK—ARMOURIES—DEFENCE
CONSTRUCTION**Mr. Brooks:**

1. At what places in New Brunswick have recommendations been made for the construction of armouries since 1939?

2. Where have armouries been constructed since the above date in the province of New Brunswick?

3. What construction is now contemplated by the Department of National Defence in the said province?

4. Is there a priority list? If so, state priorities.

Mr. Blanchette:

1. Approved recommendations are announced as soon as practicable and since 1939 comprise armouries at Newcastle, N.B.

2. An armoury is at present under construction at Newcastle. In addition national defence wartime buildings were converted to provide reserve force accommodation at Chatham, Moncton, Saint John and Sussex.

3. Construction authorized:

Navy. (a) Renous—expansion of Royal Canadian Naval magazine.

Army. (b) McGivney—thirty-six permanent married quarters.

Air. (c) Chatham—aerodrome development and construction of building and facilities.

(d) Moncton—construction of buildings and facilities.

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BONAVISTA AND CARBONEAR WHARVES,
NEWFOUNDLAND**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):**

1. Who is constructing the wharf at (a) Bonavista; (b) Carbonear, Newfoundland?

2. What is the amount involved in each case and what is the manner in which the contractor is to be reimbursed for his services?

3. Were tenders called for the construction of these wharves?

4. If so, what were the amounts of tenders received in each case, and which tender was accepted?

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. (a) Bonavista—North Shore Construction Limited, Montreal, P.Q.

(b) Carbonear—Chester Dawe Ltd., St. John's, Nfld.

2. Bonavista—Amount of original contract \$184,769.40. An additional amount of \$26,008.00 was authorized by order in council P.C. 4981 dated September 21, 1951. The contractor is paid 90 per cent of progress