

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 6, 1949

The house met at three o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Third report of standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.—Mr. Breithaupt.

First report of standing committee on standing orders.—Mr. MacLean.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

ORDER IN COUNCIL ENTRUSTING OPERATION TO CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): I desire to table order in council P.C. 1454, dated April 1, 1949, entrusting the Newfoundland railway service to the Canadian National Railways, in accordance with subsection 2 of section 19 of the Canadian National Railways Act.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

APPLES—NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Isnor:

1. Have the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board, the Nova Scotia government, any department of the Nova Scotia government, any representative group or individuals made representations to the government, during the present year, for assistance in connection with the Nova Scotia apple industry?

2. If so, did those making representations state that they were satisfied with the assistance given during the past several years?

3. What assistance, if any, was given in the following periods (a) 1930 to 1935; (b) 1935 to 1940; (c) 1940 to 1945; (d) 1946; (e) 1947; (f) 1948?

4. What are the names of organizations or individuals making representations during 1948 and 1949?

5. Has the government, as yet, made a decision in this matter?

6. If so, what is the decision?

Mr. McCubbin:

1. Yes.

2. The question was not discussed in connection with representations made respecting aid in marketing the 1949 crop, but the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, at its annual meeting on December 14-16, 1948, expressed appreciation of aid given by the dominion government.

3. (a) 1930 to 1935, none.

(b) 1935 to 1938, none; 1939, \$2,360,660; 1940, \$951,290.

(c) 1941, \$1,403,061; 1942, \$2,044,507; 1943, \$1,785,445; 1944, \$1,213,739; 1945, \$92,173.

(d) 1946, \$892,558.

(e) 1947, \$3,292,059.

(f) 1948, incomplete.

4. Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board Limited, Kentville, N.S.; Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, Halifax, N.S.; Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, Kentville, N.S.

5. No.

6. Answered by No. 5.

SHEET HARBOUR-SHERBROOKE, N.S., MAIL CONTRACT

Mr. Low:

1. Has the mail contract between Sheet harbour and Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, been up for tender recently?

2. If so, how many tenders were submitted?

3. What was the name of each tenderer and the amount in each case?

4. To whom was the contract awarded?

5. Who had the previous contract for this route and for what amount?

Mr. Bertrand (Laurier):

1. Yes.

2 and 3. Five tenders were received, as follows: Theodore L. Ogilvie, Sheet harbour, \$3,300; R. H. MacKinlay, Sherbrooke, \$3,755; John S. Cameron, Sheet harbour, \$3,756; A. L. Fraser, Sherbrooke, \$3,900; J. E. Fraser, Sherbrooke, \$4,696.

4. Contract awarded to Theodore L. Ogilvie.

5. Previous contract was with J. Edwin Fraser for \$3,939.99 per annum, plus a mail contract supplement of \$1,260.01 per annum.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—RESERVE FORCES—CIVILIAN COMMITTEES

Mr. Merritt:

How many civilian committees for the support of each of the reserve forces have been set up, and in what areas are they located?

Mr. Baker:

There are numerous committees established in connection with units in the armed services.

The following are "civilian committees" to co-operate with regard to matters of recruiting, etc.: Naval reserves, none; air force