

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRIES IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

No. 130—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Michaud.

1. Q. Has Michael Lay been employed as Supervisor on road work, Parish of Gagetown, Queens County?

(a) If so, how long was he acting as supervisor?

(b) Is he employed at present?

(c) If not, when was he dismissed and for what cause?

(d) If dismissed, copy of correspondence asked for re his dismissal.

A. Yes. (a) Until June 18th. (b) No.

(c) Resigned. (d) Answered by (c).

No. 131—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Michaud.

1. Q. How many cubic yards of stone was crushed at Armstrong Crushing Plant under supervision of J. B. Chouinard, St. Quentin, Restigouche?

A. Approximately 20,000 cu. yds. of gravel crushed in 1930 by Campbellton-St. Leonard Plant.

2. Q. How many cubic yards of stone were crushed at Campbellton Gravel Pit under supervision of Robert St. Onge?

A. Approximately 40,000 cu. yds. gravel crushed in 1930 by Campbellton-Crushing Plant.

No. 133—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Michaud.

1. Q. Was Hugh Fletcher and team employed on roads with Norman Phillips, Supervisor, Parish of Lincoln, Sunbury Co., during August, 1929?

(a) If so, give dates and hours worked for month?

A. Yes (a) 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30, 31st—100 hours.

2. Q. Was Hedley Noble, laborer, employed with same supervisor in August, 1929?

(a) If so, give dates and hours worked for month?

A. Yes. (a) 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31—147 hours.

No. 136—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Michaud.

1. Q. Are cheques for road work forwarded direct to payees from Department of Public Works or forwarded to Supervisors or District Engineers?

A. Usually direct to payees, in a few cases to District Engineers.

2. Q. If forwarded to Supervisors or Engineers is the practice general or only followed in certain cases?

A. Only in certain cases.

3. Q. To what road supervisors or District Engineers were cheques forwarded during last fiscal year to be delivered to persons who had worked on the roads?

A. L. P. Roy, L. L. Theriault & Stanley Culligan, Road Supervisor.

4. Q. Why were all cheques not forwarded direct from Department of Public Works to payees?

A. In some districts, especially in the French districts, there are many people of the same name with the exception of the middle initial. The Department had considerable trouble on account of cheques getting in the hands of the wrong parties when mailed direct and decided to have them sent to Engineers to avoid this.

No. 137—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Savoie.

1. Q. On page 311 P. A. Report, A. L. Godin appears to have received \$870.50. In what capacity did he serve the government?

A. Special Road Supervisor.

2. Q. Give details as to amount each month naming the months?

A. See payrolls now before Public Accounts Committee.

3. Q. If Road Supervisor, what work did he do and on what road?

A. Answered by No. 2.

4. Q. On whose recommendation was he appointed and when?

A. Appointed on recommendation of Mr. F. T. Lavoie.

5. Q. Is he an employee of government now? (a) If not, why not?

A. No. (a) Work completed.

No. 138—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Leger.

1. Q. Were Raymond Robichaud and Theophile Mallet of Shippegan employed and paid by the Department of Public Works during the period extending from the 26th to the 30th of July, 1930, inclusive?

A. It will be necessary to have the name of the Supervisor under whom these men were supposed to be working before replying.

2. Q. If so, under what capacity and for what number of days in each case?

A. Answered by No. 1.

3. On whose orders did said Raymond Robichaud convey passengers from Shippegan to Caraquet and back to Shippegan with Departmental Motor Truck during the period mentioned in Question 1?

A. No such orders were given.

No. 139—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Leger.

1. Q. Is it the policy of the government to use road trucks to haul gravel to be applied on private properties?

A. No.

2. Q. If so, why and under what circumstances?

A. Answered by No. 1.

No. 140—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Richard (Kent).

1. Q. What was the cost to build the road under Supervisor Robert Palmer through Princess Park, Parish of Canning, Queens County, and how many miles long is Prince Park Road and by

road from Douglas Harbour to Scotch Town?

A. No separate account kept of road construction through Princess Park. Road through Princess Park part of secondary trunk road, Douglas Harbor to Minto, Branch Road Douglas Harbour to Scotch Town 3.0 miles long.

2. Q. Are these roads completed?

A. No.

3. Q. How much was paid Daniel Palmer for pit for the Princess Park Road?

A. No pit purchased from Daniel Palmer.

4. Q. Was James Logan Supervisor, Parish of Canning, Queens County, dismissed and if so give reason?

A. James Logan was replaced as supervisor after he had left that district.

No. 142—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Leger.

1. Q. Is the government aware that a certain government owned truck driven by Raymond Robichaud, of Shippegan, was used on the day following the last Federal election in general parade between Shippegan and Caraquet?

A. No.

No. 143—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. What has been received by Government or Motor Carrier board from each of the several Buss Line owners in province during fiscal year 1930?

A. \$1,229.27.

Q. Enumerate each company separately?

1. A. Fundy Motor Lines, Ltd. \$302.02

W. A. Newcombe, 72.35

White's Express Co. 54.76

Gilbert Leger, 22.84

Bay Beaches Bus Co. 26.17

Acadia Motor Coach Co. 100.80

Euchariste Arseneau 38.30

Adelard Levesque 15.00

Antoine Richard 28.61

Phillips & Pringle Ltd., 66.60

Lewisville & Humphrey Bus .. 146.25

Duplicate Certificates 6.00

Alexander Bros 33.72

Alphonse J. Johnson 81.18

P. T. Hatfield 26.90

Jack H. Phillips 23.94

E. R. MacDonald 21.83

John Russell 162.00

2. Q. What is levy or percentage the buss owners are required to pay on each of their gross earnings?

A. 2 p. c. except Fundy Motor Lines which is 3 p. c.

3. Q. What was gross earning report from each buss company during 1930?

A. Fundy Motor Lines, Ltd., \$16,409.65

William J. Landry, 8,664.45

W. A. Newcombe 3,316.32

White's Express Co., 4,030.00

Northumberland Bus 4,181.39

John Ferguson 1,587.95

Gilbert Leger 1,378.00

Gloucester Motor Coach 3,178.15

Bay Beaches Bus Co. 1,453.90

C. M. Alexander 1,527.80

Emile Melanson 788.75

Sullivan Bros. 1,578.06

Acadia Motor Coach Co. 4,903.75

B. M. Clavette 904.30

Restigouche Auto Bus & Taxi Co., 5,726.75

Edward Bourque 1,040.00

St. John Motor Lines, Ltd., .. 40,949.57

Euchariste Arseneau 1,794.20

McKay Transportation Co., .. 1,384.00

Adelard Levesque 375.00

Antoine Richard (about) 1,071.70

4. Q. Have full amounts been collected?

(a) If not, why not?

A. All collected or in process of collection with the exception of the St. John Motor Lines, Ltd., which were granted exemption on 1929 earnings.

No. 145—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Reference Enquiry No. 78. In the account of W. S. Montgomery for crushed stone dated August 5th, 1930, amounting to \$10,148.50 O. K.'ed by the Minister of Public Works, it is stated that the delivery was "as per contract." Again the letter of the Minister to the Chief Road Engineer dated Aug. 13th, 1930, personally forwarding this account it is stated "contract was made under specification of crushed rock."

2. Q. When was the said contract entered into and where? when did the negotiations begin and end? Who represented the Department of Public Works in the negotiations? And in the closing of the bargain? Who were the witnesses to the contract?

A. Contract entered into at Campbellton subsequent to negotiations. Department of Public Works represented by Minister of Public Works.

3. Q. Were the specifications mentioned in said letters verbal or in writing? If Verbal, who framed them? If in writing, why were they not tabled with the reply to said enquiry?

A. General specifications for "crushed Stone." Specifications were not asked for in Enquiry No. 78.

Q. Was the contract verbal or in writing? If in writing, why was it not tabled?

A. Written contract, tabled as requested.

5. Q. Were tenders called for? If not, why not? If so, what tenders were put in? Particulars are asked for.

A. Tenders were not called for. This quarry was owned by W. S. Montgomery and plant was already set up in it, consisting of: Battery of Crushers, Air Drills, Seam Shovel, Locomotive, Cars, Trucks, Trucks and all other necessary equipment to produce crushed stone in the most economical manner.

6. Q. How much stone was originally bargained for? Particulars of sizes and quantities bargained for.

A. 35,000 cu. yds.

7. Q. Were any of the rock made

before contract was left? If so, who conducted them?

7. Q. This question is not understood.

8. Q. What is crushing test of the rock delivered?

A. See specifications.

9. Q. What is its abrasion test?

A. Hardness 18.2 French co-efficient of year 17.0.

10. Q. Specify by months the quantities of rock from this contract used on Main Trunk highway No. 11 Dalhousie-Campbellton?

A. July 45 cu. yds; August 140 cu. yds; September 2007 cu yds; October 1473 cu. yds.

11. Q. At the time the contract was made, where was it intended to use the rock contracted for?

A. On roads in the vicinity of Dalhousie.

12. Q. Where is it intended to use the quantities now in stock piles?

A. Answered by No. 11.

13. Q. Is the contract with Mr. Montgomery concluded? Or is it the intention of the Department to make further deliveries from here?

A. 13 Contract concluded.

14. Q. What size of crushed rock was detained under said contract specifying quantities by screen test?

A. The word "detained" in this question is not understood.

15. Q. Was all the rock purchased at one price?

A. Yes.

16. Q. Why did the Department contract for 34,832 cu. yds. when it required only 3,665 yards for work during season 1930?

A. Answered by No. 5.

17. Q. In letter of the Minister dated Aug. 13th, it is stated that "Montgomery was successful in making arrangements with a construction company who had air compressed drills, shovel for handling rock and crusher." Who was the construction company? Where is its head office? Who is its manager? If incorporated, who are the members?

A. The Foundation Company of Canada, Ltd., Montreal.

18. Q. What were the arrangements alleged by the Minister to have been made between Montgomery and this company?

A. Arrangements for use of plant.

19. Q. When were they communicated to the Minister? And by whom? Who else was present?

A. Previous to signing of contract.

20. Q. If arrangements with the construction company was so satisfactory, why did the Dept. not seek to make a contract for crushing of said rock direct?

A. Quarry owned by W. S. Montgomery.

HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Did the Department of Public Works find it necessary during the session of 1930 to remove the superstructure of bridges on the Bathurst Road to permit the moving of portable camps being used in road work there?

A. Yes.

2. Q. Were bridges in fact altered to permit of such moving of camps? If so, in how many cases?

A. Two bridges.

3. Q. How many of these bridges have been restored or repaired?

A. None.

4. Q. On whose orders was the demolition carried out?

A. District Engineer.

5. Q. What was or will be the cost of restoring these bridges?

A. \$25.00 for each structure.

6. Q. Does the Department contemplate demolishing any other bridges in the season of 1931?

A. No.

No. 153.
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. What quantity of coal from the Grand Lake Coal District, Sunbury and Queens Counties was sold to the Provincial Hospital at St. John during respective years 1929 and 1930?

A. 1929—4708 tons; 1930—4499 tons.

2. Q. Give names of persons or concerns from whom purchased; prices paid thereafter, indicating whether run or mine or slack?

A. 1929—The Avon Coal Co., Ltd., 453 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40; James W. Carleton, 213 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40; The Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd., 1147 tons Run of mine @ \$6.00; Parker D. Mitchell, 541 tons Run of mine @ \$6.30; Parker D. Mitchell, 33 tons slack @ \$5.50; Charles R. Nelson, 499 tons Slack @ \$5.50; Harvey Melton, 670 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40; Welton & Henderson, Ltd., 1152 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40.

1930—The Avon Coal Co., Ltd., 95 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40; Jas. W. Carleton, 285 tons Slack @ 5.50; The Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd., 748 tons Run of mine @ \$6.00 Parker D. Mitchell, 531 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40; Parker D. Mitchell, 91 tons Slack @ \$5.50; Charles R. Nelson, 339 tons Slack @ \$5.50; Harvey Melton, 599 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40; Welton & Henderson, Ltd., 1811 tons Run of mine @ \$6.40.

No. 155.
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. What is the nature of the work being carried on at or near Lower Jemseg, since the close of the fiscal year 1930 known as the rock fill? When was the work started, under whose supervision, and what has been the cost of the work to date?

A. Portion of Highway diversion leading to Gagetown Ferry, January 28th, 1931, Gordon Holder Supervisor, \$2984.25.

2. Q. What is the length of the fill, specify whether solid rock fill, earth fill, or earth core with rock rip-rap?

A. Approximately eight hundred feet. Solid rock fill.

3. Q. What is the quantity of stone used in connection with this fill, from whom purchased, and at what price?

A. Approximately 4,000 cu. yds. to complete fill. John Young, \$150.00 for stone to complete fill.

4. Q. What was the cost of erection of camp at quarry, and by whom was said camp erected?

A. No separate cost of small camp and machinery sheds kept. Erected by Department.

5. Q. By whom have the men been boarded, and what charge per day ade for board, and what wage per day was paid to the men by the Department?

A. No arrangements made by Department for board, men making own arrangements; Thirty cents (30c.) per hour, 8 hour day.

6. Q. If this camp was run by the Supervisor, what arrangements did he have with the Government or Members supporting the Government for the supply of provisions used in that connection?

A. Answered by Number 5.

7. Q. Was the work in question carried on as Unemployed Relief or as a provincial undertaking? If under Unemployment Relief, what excuse has the Department to offer for the notorious discrimination shown against Liberals, thus violating the Federal-Provincial contract or agreement?

A. Unemployment Relief. No discrimination shown.

8. Q. For how many days does Benjamin Dykeman appear on the payroll in connection with this enterprise, at what rate of wage, character of service and total amount received? Has this matter been drawn to the attention of the Minister of Public Works or any official in his Department? If so, what action if any has been taken? If an investigation was held, indicate the nature of Inquiry, when and where held, and results. Attach copies of all correspondence passing between residents in that neighborhood, Member or Members of the local Legislature, the Minister of Public Works, Deputy Engineers, or any other officials, bearing upon this matter?

A. Benjamin Dykeman's name does not appear on payrolls, and no correspondence received in connection therewith.

No. 156.
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Did Ott Black, Road Supervisor, Parish of Brunswick, Queens County, purchase gravel from one Murray H. Clark, during year 1930? If so, what quantity was so purchased, and at what price per yard?

A. No.

2. Q. Has amount so agreed upon been paid to said Clark? If not, why not?

A. Answered by Number 1.

No. 157.
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. What was the nature of the road work carried on during year 1930 on the Secondary Trunk Road between Douglas Harbour and Stevens Cove, parish of Canning, Queens County?

A. The Department does not know of any place called Stevens Cove in this district.

2. Q. What was the length of this construction, and who was in charge of the work, what was the total cost of same, and what amount was paid by Supervisor?

A. Answered by Number 1.

3. Q. What quantity of stones, gravel, earth or other material was used in connection therewith? Give rate paid per yard and amount paid to each person so employed?

A. Answered by Number 1.

No. 158.
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

1. Q. Is Cory V. Earle acting Supervisor, Department of Public Works, Parish of Norton, Kings County? If so, when was he appointed?

A. December 9th, 1925.

2. Q. How much work did said Cory V. Earle perform in the Department of Public Works during November last? Give dates.