ENQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE ANSWERS THERETO

No. 96—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

Q. To whom was contract No. 130, Petersville-Finnegan Hill, awarded to and what price? When were tenders called; who were the tenderers and amount of each tender?

A. Contract No .130.

John E. Forbes	$74,697.00
Gerow & Kitchen	75,034.50
Currier & Seymour	75,118.50
Smith & Williamson	75,252.50
Ashfield & Manzer	77,216.00

Tenders called May 6, 1930. Contract awarded to John E. Forbes at the amount of his tender.

Q. What is the total length of road project covered by Contract No. 130?

A. 8.4 miles.

Q. Is this contract yet completed? If so, when?

A. Completed June 1931.

Q. Was currugated pipe specified to be used in connection with this project? If so, was it to be supplied by the government or the contractor and what was the total amount paid for said pipe and from whom was same purchased? Where does the item for pipe appear in the Accounts and why?

A. Corrugated Iron Pipe Supplied by the Department. Purchased from McLennan Foundry & Machine Works for $3,504.32. Shown in Public Accounts 1930, Page 313. Cost of pipe deducted from estimate of Contractor, July 1930.

Q. What was the total cost for engineering, etc., in connection with this project?

A. $3,623.21.

No. 97
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

Having regard to Contract No. 135, Queenstown-Otnabog as shown in Public Accounts 1931, page 336.

Q. In what County does the road project in question lie? If the project in question lies in the County of Queens, why has it been charged to the County of Kings?

A. This project is in Queens County. Item referred to is apparently a typographical error.

No. 100—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

Q. On page 315 Public Accounts 1932 appears an item "Forbes estate, R. D., and C. B. Brown, interest at rate 5% on deposit re contract for building, $606.55."

Is it the practice of the Department to pay interest on contract deposits? If so, how long has this been in vogue, and what amounts have been allowed the several contractors during the fiscal years ending 1930-1931-1932, indicating tender for which deposit was made, rate of interest allowed, total amount paid, and when?

A. No. Forbes & Brown (Normal School) $1,332.63.

Forbes & Brown (Forestry & Geology, U.N.B.) $606.55.

A. & R. Forbes (Library U.N.B.) $503.31.

Q. Why was interest allowed this firm of contractors on said deposit?

A. Guarantee deposit cheque was cashed and used by the Province thus saving the Province an amount of interest equal to that, allowed the Contractor.

No. 106—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

Q. Having further reference to Reply to Enquiry No. 36 re Keiley Bridge, Parish of Kingsclear, York County which cost the province the sum of $12,463.22 as disclosed by Answer to said Enquiry—

Give complete statement detailing quantities of material used and cost per unit of each item making up said total of $12,463.22.

A.

3205 cubic yards ledge rock excavation at $2.00	$ 6,410.00
2200 cubic yards frozen material at $1.50	3,300.00
1540 cubic yards loose material at .50 cts.	770.00
2200 ilneal feet of ditching, (part ledge) at 15.	330.00
900 cubic yards gravel road surfacing in place at $1.00	900.00
200 cubic yards hand laid side stone riprap at .50	100.00
30 posts in place at 20	6.00
8 cubic yards of concrete at $15.00	120.00
2½ cubic yards of foundation excavation at 2.00	5.00
64 lineal feet 36 inch corrugated iron pipe	371.20
Additional right-of-way	75.00
Moving telephone poles	76.07
	$12,463.27

Q. What work, if any, was done on this bridge since May 20th, 1932 to date? Give details of some.

A. $1,299.84 of work was done since May 20th., 1932. Work consisted of side ditching, gravelling road surface and bringing fill up to grade after settling.

Q. Has guard wire or rail yet been placed? If so, when and from whom was material purchased, and what was the total cost thereof?

A. No guard rail or wire has been placed. No rail has been purchased.

No. 104—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

Q. What was the total detail operating cost of the Gravel Crushing and Loading Machine in the Maxwell Pit in Charlotte County for the last fiscal year, including supervision, wages and general upkeep?

A. $1,935.52.

Q. What was total outside repair cost of said plant for fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1932? If repairs were effected, indicate, character of same.

A. $1,187.52 for Crusher Jaws, Belting, Pitman Arm parts, Link Chain, Screens, Shafting, Labor, etc.

Q. When did work in said Maxwell Pit begin and when end, during last fiscal year? When and where was said plant stored for winter and where is it now, and what was total cost of storing or housing same?

A. Work started June 6, 1932; finished August 15, 1932. Plant now in Bailey Pit (so called) near Pennfield. Stored October 6, 1932; cost of storing and housing Plant $118.96.

Q. How many yards of gravel were crushed by said plant during last fiscal year?

A. 10,451 cubic yards.

No. 109—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Anderson.

Q. Is Hardy Prince of French Lake, Parish of Burton, Sunbury County in the employ of the Government at the present time? If so, when was he appointed? What are his duties, what does he receive (a) Salary? (b) Expenses per day?

A. Hardy Prince is employed by the government from time to time when work is available. He has acted as special structural superintendent and inspector on reinforced concrete arches and deep water foundation work since May 5th, 1938.

(a) Wages $4.75 per day when actually engaged on the work. (b) Travelling expenses and board allowed when engaged on work necessitating absence from home.

Q. What amount was paid by the government each year for (a) Salary or wages?

(b) Expenses for each of the years 1929-1930-1931-1932?

A. Amounts paid for wages and expenses for fiscal years 1929-1930-1931-1932 are as follows:

Wages—			
$665.00	$1,077.00	$943.00	$877.95
Expenses—			
$177.35	529.15	310.25	246.45

Q. Has said Hardy Prince been in the employ of the Department since the 31st. of October 1932? If so, in wha capacity and what amount has he earned to date?

A. Yes, as special superintendent for Sunbury County, Amounts received by him since October 31st. 1932 to date are as follows: Wages $200.45; expenses $56.88.

No. 110—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Downey.

With reference to Enquiry No. 85.

Q. What qualifications, if any, had Hazen Grass to supervise road work? On whose recommendation was he employed? Is this the same Hazen Grass who had been employed by Mr. Ewart Atkinson, ML.A. continuously for a long period of time just prior to the commencement of the said work? Was he re-employed by Mr. Atkinson after the said work was dis-continued?

A. Hazen Grass was employed in recommendation of E. C. Atkinson M. L.A.

The Department has no knowledge as to his previous or subsequent employment.

Q. Did the teams driven by Kenneth Armstrong, Sterling Parent and Gideon Brewer on the said work belong to the said Ewart Atkinson? If the answer is in the affirmative, under what arrangement with Mr .Atkinson were they used by these men? If in the negative, who were the owners of these teams?

A. As far as the Department knows, teams belonged to drivers.

Q. Did the said Ewart C. Atkinson own the cooking utensils, dining utensils and blankets used in boarding the men on this work? If not, to whom did they belong?

A. Cooking utensils belonged to Hazen Grass.

Q. Was Gordon Rushton employed on this work? If so, what were the nature and terms of his employment?

A. The name of Gordon Rushton does not appear on payrolls. The name o fGordon Russon is shown. Hand labour at 15½ cts. per hour and board.

Q. What regulations governing the hiring of men on this work were in effect? What was the rate of wages paid? What was charged the men for board and lodging?

A. Departmental regulations in respect to hand labour or unemployment relief projects.

Rate of wages for men living in camp: Hand labour, 15½ cts. per hour and board; Teams 22 cts. per hour and board.

Men living at home were paid regular Departmental schedule of wages of 25 cts. per hour.

Meals at camp charged at the rate of 20 cts. each.

Q. What amounts of money expended on this work were spent (a) for materials and supplies in building the camp? (b) for wages?

A. See reply to Enquiry No. 85, Question 5.

No. 111—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Colpitts.

At page 147 of the Public Accounts, 1931, appears the item "W. H. Duffy & Sons, Ltd. Rent for building $65.00."

Q. For what purpose was this building used, for what length of time, and at what rental per month? What, if anything, was stored in said building, in what quantities, and for what length of time?

A. This building was rented from July 1st. 1930 at $5.00 per month and is used for storing calcium chloride, grader blades, both Patrol and construction, grease, oil, tools, etc. Quantities in stock vary according to seasonal operations.

At page 136 of Public Accounts 1932 appears the item "W. H. Duffy & Sons, Ltd. Rent for Building, $60.00."

Q. Information as requested in above question is asked for, with details.

A. Item of 50.00 is for 1 year's rental. Building used for same purpose as in No. 1.

No. 112—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Dysart.

Q. What amount of money was expended (a) during the last fiscal year (b) to date, by Otty O. Black, Road Supervisor, in the parish of Brunswick, Queens County, (a) for relief?, (b) road work?

Particulars as to nature of road work asked for.

A. (a) Amount expended during last fiscal year, $2,100.07; (b) Amount expended to date, Nil; (c) Amount expended for relief, $781.00; (b) Amount expended for other road work, $1,-319.07. Accounts are in the hands of the Public Accounts Committee which they are examined.

DUMFRIES, N. B.

Dumfries, N. B., May 1—A dance was held at the home of W. A. Embleton's last Friday evening. Music was furnished by Rainsford Kelly and a good time was spent by all. At the close of the evening. Mrs. Embleton served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Bedford Kelly who has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Lyons, of Fredericton, has returned home again.

Perley Rae was a visitor to Fredericton on Saturday last.

Mrs. Mary Foster was the afternoon guest of Mrs. Fred Ingraham one day last week.

The Messrs. Walter Rae and Leonard Kelly were visitors to Fredericton on Thursday last.

Miss Ferne McMullin of Magaguadavic spent a few days with her sister Miss Blanche McMullin.

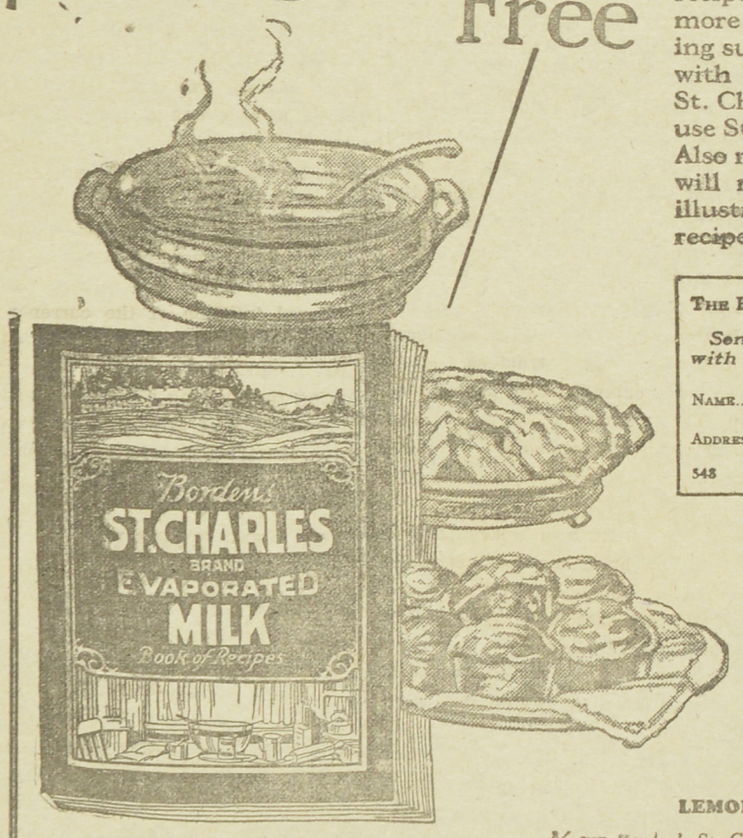
The Messrs. Clarence Jordan and Kenneth Rosborough, of Lower Queensbury spent the week-end with Rainsford Kelly.

Waldon Scott had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse.

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CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

1 bunch or can asparagus; 4 cups cold water; 2 slices onion; ½ tspn. sugar; blade of mace; 2 tblspns. butter; 2 tblspns. flour; 1 tspn. salt; 1-8 tspn. pepper; 2 cups Borden's St. Charles Milk; 1 egg yolk; dash of paprika.

If fresh asparagus used, remove tips and cook them in a little boiling salted water until tender; if canned, cut off tips and lay aside. Cut up stalks. Cover with cold water. Add onion, sugar, and mace. Cook until tender. Strain through sieve, pressing asparagus well to extract flavor. Melt butter in saucepan and stir in flour. Add salt, pepper, and asparagus puree. Continue stirring until thickened. Add one-and-a-half cups St. Charles Milk and the asparagus tips. Bring to boiling point, and simmer five minutes. Combine beaten egg yolk with the remaining milk and add to mixture. Let come to boil. Serve each portion with a dash of paprika over top.

LEMON MERINGUE PIE

¾ cup Borden's St. Charles Milk; ¾ cup hot water; 1½ cups sugar; 4½ tblspns. corn starch; 1 tspn. butter; 2 eggs; juice 2 lemons; grated rind 1 lemon; few grains salt; 1 cooked pastry shell.

Combine the milk and water in a double boiler top, add the sugar and cornstarch, thoroughly mixed together, and cook fifteen minutes, stirring occasionally. Separate the eggs, beat the yolks light, combine them with a little of the hot milk, stir into the thickened mixture and cook five minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Then add the salt and when somewhat cooled stir in the lemon juice and rind, pour into the pastry shell, heap with a meringue made of two egg whites, and a third cup of powdered sugar, and cook in a slow oven for ten minutes until the meringue is firm and delicately browned.



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