

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

No. 37:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Niles.

Q. How much land was purchased from A. E. Phillips, Bristol, Carleton County, for the purpose of Chiketa-hawk Bridge?

A. Building lot with a frontage of 140' bought 1929.

Q. How much was paid for such land?

A. \$500.00.

Q. Was any said land resold to anybody, and to whom, what quantity, and for what price?

A. Agreement of sale has been made with A. W. Phillips for a portion of this lot with 30 ft. frontage for \$80.00. New building when erected to be set 6 ft. back from fence of former cellar or wall.

No. 35:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Downey.

Q. What monies have been expended since October 1st, 1931 on the highway leading from Bakers Point to Albright Corner (near Minto)? When were the monies spent, specifying by months?

A. Supt. Hazen Grass, Oct. 1, 1931, to Dec. 2, 1931, \$10,666.43; Super. John Holland, Oct. 1, 1931 to Nov. 25, 1932, \$2,404.02; Super. A. A. Bailey, Oct. 15, 1931 to Nov. 30, 1931, \$2,656.68; Super. J. W. Sturgeon, Sept. 1932, \$892.84.

Q. Did Mr. E. C. Atkinson, M.P.P., Sunbury County, have three or any teams owned by him working on this job during the month of October or November 1931, or at any time?

A. The Department has no record of any teams owned by Mr. E. C. Atkinson, M.P.P. Sunbury County, having worked on this road at any time.

Q. If the answer to Question 2 is not in the affirmative, then give the names of the persons with teams shown on the payrolls in the months of October and November 1931.

A. List of teams employed by Supt. Hazen Grass Sta. 156-298: Anderson, Alfred; Anderson, Irvine; Anderson, William; Armstrong, Kenneth; Baird, John; Boyle, John T.; Brewer, Gideon; Davidson, Ralph; Elliott, Roy H.; Gilk, Earl; Gilks, Zack; Nason, Clyde; Parent, Sterling; Phillips, Sam; Stewart, Thomas; Thomas, Walter; Titus, Arthur, Mr.

By Supt. John Holland, Sta. 920-107: Dinsmore, Thomas; Donovan, Everett; Grant, Clarence W.; Hughes, Ernest; S.T.; Hughes, Lewis, S.T.; Rice, William, S.T.; Rickard, William.

By Super. A. A. Bailey, Sta. 1055-1090: Campbell, Jack; Ellis, George; Gilbert, King; Lemergan, Calvin, Jr.; Owen, Herbert; Phillips, Rufus; Young, Burt; Young, Lawson.

Q. Was the work done as Unemployment relief project?

A. Yes; province paying 60%; Dominion 40 per cent.

Q. How many camps, hovels and other buildings were erected by the government in the fall of 1931 in connection with such work? Where are they located? What is the size and what was the cost (estimated if need be) of each building? How long were they occupied? When does the government expect to use them again, and for what purpose? On whose land are they situated? If on lands controlled by the government, particulars are asked for of all deeds and for leases.

A. Eight buildings were erected in connection with this work, consisting of:

Office Camp, 14' x 22'; Cook House 24' x 50'; Bunk House 20' x 60'; Horse Barn 40' x 74'; Blacksmith Shop 14' x 16'; Store House 12' x 14'; Magazine 8' x 10'; Privy 6' x 9'.

An independent record of cost of the above buildings was not maintained.

Buildings were substantially constructed to stand over a period of years and are at present in excellent condition. These buildings were occupied about two months and will be used again when work is resumed on this road. The buildings were located on land owned by John Holland in accordance with verbal agreement

made with him prior to construction.

Q. Has any insurance been carried on each building? If so, specify the amount.

A. No.

No. 39:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Colpitts.

Q. Give number of days in each month, 1930, 1931 respectively, worked by A. W. Garland on Beek James Bridge, Albert County?

A. June 1930, 3 days; July 1930, 5 days; Aug. 1930, 20 days; Sept. 1930, 8 days; Nov. 1930, 3 days.

Q. Give expenses account of Mr. A. W. Garland for each month of 1930 and 1931.

1930—January Nil, February \$6.80; March \$4.00; April \$35.00; May \$76.65; June \$75.65; July \$55.15; Aug. \$83.20; Sept. \$84.80; Oct. \$88.85; Nov. \$73.20; Dec. \$43.15.

1931—Jan. Feb. March Nil; April \$20.85; May \$20.70; June \$9.40; July \$36.80; August \$50.70; Sept. \$53.75; Oct. \$55.70; November \$40.95; December \$21.40.

No. 90:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Colpitts.

Q. Give total cost of cedar purchased from J. B. Chouinard of Restigouche County in 1931?

A. Answered by Enquiry No. 74, March 16th, 1932.

Q. State amount of cedar shipped into each County and price of same during 1931 and 1932?

A. Answered by No. 64, March 21st 1933. See Public Accounts for distribution of cedar.

Q. State the amount of cedar used in each County in 1931 and 1932 and the quantity not used?

A. Owing to climatic conditions it has been impossible to take inventory.

No. 91:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Niles.

Q. Did the Government purchase any land or property known as the Bohan Warehouses in Bath, Carleton County? If so, when, from whom and at what price?

A. No.

Q. Did the Government pay for the removal or tearing down of the said Bohan Warehouse for the highway crossing in the village of Bath, Carleton County? If so, to whom was the money paid, and what became of the material, lumber, etc. If such lumber contained in the said buildings was sold, to whom, and when, and for what price?

A. Yes, about \$75.00. Work done under Supervisor Simon Brannen. Building was removed with owner's consent as it obstructed Highway. Lumber and materials were piled up and are the property of the owner.

No. 92:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Doucet.

Q. What was the total quantity of gasoline purchased by the Government, (a) during the fiscal year last?

(b) To date, and supplied to the several gasoline pumps enumerated in answer to Question No. 62, and what was the total cost thereof? Names of the several Gas Companies with quantity of gasoline supplied by each Company is asked for.

Q. What quantity of gasoline with cost thereof was supplied by government tank wagons?

(a) to government owned pumps?

(b) Road crews?

(c) Names of Gas Companies supplying same, and quantity supplied by each is asked for.

Q. What quantity of gasoline remained in each tank at the end of year's operations? When and by whom was same removed as stated in answer to Enquiry No. 62? Where is same stored?

A. 1, 2, & 3. An answer to this enquiry would entail the examination of every account of every Department and involving so much work that additional staff would have to be employed to compile the information.

THE GREAT MIRAMICHI FIRE OF 1825 WORST IN HISTORY

"A greater calamity than the fire less creatures, flying from their smoking habitations, they knew not whether, befell any forest country, and the general character of the scene was such that all it required to complete a picture of the General Judgment was the blast of a trumpet, the voice of the Archangel, and the Resurrection of the dead."

In this way Rev. Robert Cooney, historian, describes the great Miramichi fire of October 7 1825. Six thousand square miles along the Miramichi river, cutting across central New Brunswick and emptying into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, were swept by the conflagration. Although the district was sparsely settled at the time, 165 persons perished, 600 buildings fell and 875 head of cattle were lost. Loss to the settlers was estimated at \$930,000.

An incalculable loss was the huge virgin pine forest then existing in the Miramichi district. Thousands of fur-bearing animals were killed and even fish in large numbers died from the heat.

Destroyed Government House
An offshoot of the main fire destroyed 80 buildings in Fredericton, including the first Government house built by Lieutenant Governor Carleton at his own expense.

Only 12 of 260 houses remained standing in Newcastle. The heat was so intense that potatoes in the ground were roasted and afterwards devoured by hungry people.

Giving way to rhetoric, Cooney gave the following eye-witness account:

"The tremendous-bellowing became more and more terrific. The earth seemed to stagger as if it had reeled from its ancient foundation. Earth, air, sea and sky all visible creation, seemed to conspire against man and to totter under the weight of some dreadful commission they were charged to execute. The river, tortured into violence by the hurricane, foamed with rage and flung its boiling spray upon the land. The thunder pealed along the vault of heaven; the lightning rent the firmament in pieces.

Hundred Miles in Length

"Then Newcastle and Douglastown, and the whole northern side of the river, extending from Bartibog to the Nashwaak, a distance of more than a hundred miles in length, became enveloped in an immense sheet of flame that spread over 6,000 square miles. Even now the shrieks, screams and cries of a wretched and beggared people involved in ruin, desolation and despair, ring their mournful cadences upon the ear. O God, merciful and just, how shuddering were the frantic cries, the wild expressions of horror and the despairing groans of hundreds upon hundreds of poor home-

No. 43:—
HON. MR. STEWART in reply to Mr. Downey.

Q. State amount of Direct Relief Money spent in each County of the Province in 1932?

A. Fully answered in Public Works Report pages 10A to 15A.

A COLUMBIA PROFESSOR WAS CHEERFUL

(New York Sun)

No matter how a man or woman votes or settles election-bets it usually is possible to classify him or her as one who eats to live or one who lives to eat. It is an old tag and perhaps it should be discarded now, for there are two other kinds of eaters; those who take their vitamins seriously and those who don't give a rap about the vitaminic alphabet. For the former type Dr. H. C. Sherman of Columbia University spoke cheerfully the other day at the annual meeting of dietitians. He said in effect that the food chemists can apply the latest knowledge of nutrition "quite simply in terms of actual food."

There has been a distinct inclination in some quarters to make a mystery of the vitamins and thus to battle those who like to keep tabs on them. Various authorities have declared, for instance, that a particular vitamin might prolong life, that another aided digestion, that a third prevented rickets, and so on. The confusion came when no foods were mentioned in these discussions. Those who were just learning the vitamin alphabet had to consult a chart to find that Vitamin A, for instance, occurs in butter, eggs and spinach and more than a dozen other common foods, or that Vitamin C is found in oranges, peaches and raspberries, among other edibles.

More power to Dr. Sherman if he can persuade his colleagues to talk of vitamins in such a way as to remind all vitamin eaters who find the alphabet confusing that the various benefits of those elements are available to both those who live to eat and those who eat to live. Persons who refuse to be troubled by vitamins will eat as they always did.

READY TO RACE

Washington, D. C., April 24.—A challenge has been issued by Dan Neund, a former ditch digger, to anyone to race him digging ditches. He says he once dug a hole in clay 6 feet deep, 6 feet wide and 15 feet long in two hours and 36 minutes.

A game of dominoes which lasted for four years has just been completed in Canyon, Tex. Chess players in that town doubtless bequeath the game to their heirs.

Denmark having established title under decree of the world court, to a strip of Greenland may now be an important factor in the development of intercontinental air routes.

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THE NEWSPAPERS have been full of the "Forgotten Man." But how about the "Forgotten Woman"? We don't hear anything of her. She is the woman who apparently lives a 1933 life, but is back with her grandmother in one important respect. She does her housework in out-of-date ways that waste youth, health and time... Yet it is not because there are no easy means for making housekeeping simple and pleasant. For instance, an Electric Range even does away with the necessity of staying in the kitchen while dinner cooks. Automatic controls measure cooking time and heat more accurately than the most exacting housewife. And other improvements, too, help you prepare meals of old-fashioned goodness with new-fashioned ease... For further information just see us or ANY DEALER.



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