

QUESTIONS

THIRD VICTORY LOAN

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

BARACHOIS RIVER, QUE., WHARF

Mr. ROY:

1. Did the government construct a wharf or breakwater at the mouth of the Barachois river, Gaspé county, during the fiscal year 1939?

2. If so, was this work done by contract and (a) for what amount and by whom; (b) what quantity of timber was used; (c) from whom was it purchased and at what price on each contract?

Mr. CARDIN:

1. A breastwork was constructed at Bridgeville, Que., on the Barachois River, during the fiscal year 1938-39.

2. (a) Work was done by day labour at a cost of \$4,266.30. (b) and (c) Timber purchased for this work from Alfred G. Maloney as follows:—

5,400 lineal feet of 6-inch round poles at 5 cents per lineal foot.	\$ 270 00
19,420 feet B.M.—3-inch deals at \$26	504 92
50,784 feet B.M.—8- by 8-inch spruce timber at \$29.....	1,472 73

POSTAL CENSORSHIP

Mr. BRUCE:

1. Are letters from citizens of Canada to England censored in Canada before being despatched?

2. If not, are they censored by Canadians in England upon arrival there?

3. Are letters from one part of Canada to another subject to censorship?

4. If so, is this censorship done solely for the purpose of removing information which might be useful to the enemy?

5. If any criticism of a department of government has been found, has such criticism been extracted from letters and sent with the name of the writer to the department involved?

Mr. MULOCK:

1. Examination is made of some letters in connection with the enforcement of the foreign exchange control board regulations. The percentage of mail so examined is less than 2 per cent.

2. No.

3. Yes, under certain circumstances in the interests of security.

4. In the course of any examination of mails, attention is paid to the enforcement of war-time laws and regulations from the point of view of security, trade, economic warfare, illegal intermediaries, enemy propaganda, subversive activities, etc.

5. Such extracts are referred in confidence to the head of the department concerned, when it is considered in the public interest to do so.

Mr. FAIR:

1. How many, (a) individuals, (b) corporations, subscribed to the third Victory loan?

2. What amount was subscribed by (a) individuals, (b) insurance companies, (c) banks, (d) other companies?

3. What amount was borrowed by individuals from banks for the purchase of Victory bonds?

4. What is the value of the bonds purchased by individuals on the instalment plan, now surrendered?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Data available to the Department of Finance do not enable a complete segregation to be made of subscriptions by individuals and corporations respectively. However, 9,229 subscriptions totalling \$527,500,200 were received from subscribers (individuals, corporations and other bodies) on the special names list, and 959,030 subscriptions totalling \$309,320,050 were received from subscribers (individuals, corporations and other bodies) in the general canvass.

2. (a) See answer to No. 1.

(b) \$117,704,850 of which \$22,174,500 represented conversion subscriptions of national service loan bonds due November 15, 1941.

(c) \$49,450,000 of which \$42,450,000 represented conversion subscriptions of national service loan bonds due November 15, 1941.

(d) See answer to No. 1.

3. Victory loan bonds purchased under the instalment plan described in the official prospectus, by individuals, corporations and other bodies, totalled \$37,439,900. In addition, it is understood that loans made by the chartered banks of Canada to finance the purchase of Victory loan bonds by individuals, corporations and other bodies, totalled \$135,978,539 on June 30, 1941.

4. None. No provision was made for the redemption by the government of 1941 Victory loan bonds prior to the call date. No information is available as to the amount of bonds which may have been sold by subscribers after their original purchase of the bonds.

NOTE.—It is assumed that while the question relates to what is called the "third Victory Loan", what is meant is the third public war loan which is officially described as "The Victory Loan, 1941".

ST. CATHARINES STEEL PRODUCTS LIMITED

Mr. CHURCH:

1. What amount of money, if any, has been loaned by the government to the St. Catharines Steel Products Limited?

2. Has the British government any money invested in this company?

3. How much private capital has been subscribed?