

## Questions

## VETERANS LAND ACT—WELLINGTON NORTH

Mr. MENARY:

How many farms have the Veterans' Land Act purchased in the townships of Erin, East Garafraxa, West Garafraxa, East Luther, West Luther, Arthur, Peel, Maryborough and Minto, in the riding of Wellington North?

Mr. MACKENZIE: Erin, 8; East Garafraxa, none; West Garafraxa, 1; East Luther, none; West Luther, 2; Arthur, 5; Peel, 6; Maryborough, 4; Minto, 6. As per head office records March 28, 1946.

## JAPANESE NATIONALS—DEPORTATIONS

Mr. KNIGHT:

1. How many people of Japanese origin have been deported from Canada to date since the end of the war with Japan?

2. Have any Canadian citizens of Japanese origin been deported in the same period?

3. If so, how many?

4. What number of either category are at present being detained and held for deportation?

Mr. MITCHELL:

1. None.

2. No.

3. Answered by No. 2.

4. None.

## WAR ASSETS—TRANSCONA PLANT, DEFENCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Mr. WINKLER:

1. Has the Department of Munitions and Supply submitted a report to War Assets Corporation of the materials at the Transcona plant of Defence Industries Limited?

2. If so, how much (in gallons, barrels or pounds) chemicals in liquid form (giving nature) is, or will be listed for sale, and at what price?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. Yes.

2. 1,870 tons sulphuric acid (92%), \$14 to \$18 per ton; 400 tons oleum, approximately \$12 per ton; 400,000 lbs. acetone, approximately 10 cents per lb.; 136,400 lbs. potassium sulphate, \$35 per ton.

## BEET PRODUCERS—FARM LABOUR

Mr. HENDERSON:

What steps, if any, is the government taking to supply the western Ontario sugar beet producers with an adequate and efficient supply of farm labour?

Mr. MITCHELL: The following steps have been taken by the federal Department of Labour in cooperation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, under the joint Dominion-Provincial farm labour programme:

1. Special interviews of unplaced applicants in local employment offices throughout south-

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western Ontario to determine the number of experienced and inexperienced farm workers interested in sugar beet employment this year.

2. Local meetings, including those attended by managers of local employment offices, provincial agricultural officials and chairmen of county agricultural committees, to discuss local measures to meet labour requirements in sugar beet and other areas of Southwestern Ontario.

3. A canvass of Japanese families, and single Japanese, in western Canada, interested in employment on farms in the Ontario sugar beet area.

4. The possibilities of retaining a number of prisoners of war for seasonal work on Canadian farms are under review with other interested authorities.

5. Plans are under discussion with sugar beet growers and the sugar refineries for establishing a minimum wage rate for sugar beet work, and for providing suitable accommodation for housing and meals, as incentives to available civilian workers to accept employment in the sugar beet fields.

## BROADCAST "SOLDIER'S WIFE"

Mr. FRASER:

What is the cost to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to produce and broadcast "Soldier's Wife"?

Mr. MAYHEW: \$4,431.78 per week.

## HOUSING—PRIORITIES FOR ESSENTIAL BUILDING

Mr. LOCKHART:

1. What priorities have been provided for the purchase of essential building materials in the case of low cost housing schemes sponsored by the government?

2. Are the same priorities applicable to individual veterans who undertake construction of their own homes?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. Priorities officer's order No. P.O. 11, effective March 12th, 1946, requires suppliers of building materials to make prior shipment of building materials listed in schedule A of the order into government approved low cost housing projects for ex-servicemen of world war No. 2.

2. The same priorities have not as yet been made applicable to total quantities of materials required by individual veterans who undertake construction of their homes. However, the same priorities are applicable to minimum quantities of building materials required to effect completion of homes being built by individual veterans and which are now at least 75 per cent completed.