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(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

*PURCHASES OF FEED AND FODDER IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROOKS:

1. According to return tabled on March 16, the dominion government purchased \$1,155,805 worth of food, fodder and hay in the United States for the relief of live stock in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; from whom were these supplies purchased, and what was the price in each case?

2. What quantity of fodder and hay was purchased in the maritime provinces for the same purpose?

Mr. GARDINER: I suggest that this question should either be changed or that I should answer it orally. The oral answer would be that the dominion government did not purchase any of the products mentioned, that no feed or fodder was purchased by the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta, and that all the hay, feed and fodder used in Saskatchewan was purchased by the government of Saskatchewan. The answer to the second question would be that, so far as I know, no feed or fodder was purchased by any government in the maritime provinces.

SUBVERSIVE, IMMORAL OR OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS OR PHOTOGRAPHS

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Did the Department of National Revenue receive protests against magazines of a subversive, immoral or obscene nature during the year 1938?

2. If so, were such protests oral or written?

3. If oral, how many did the department receive?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Yes.

2. Written.

3. Approximately 1,400 letters were received from collectors of customs and excise, other persons and organizations.

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Did the Department of National Revenue confiscate obscene magazines, reviews, books and photographs during the year 1938?

2. If so, what quantity of each were seized?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Yes.

2. Magazines, 26,639; newspapers, 3,897; pamphlets, 16,040; books, 581; photographs, 155.

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Did the Department of National Revenue seize any publications of a subversive nature during the year 1938?

2. If so, how many of such publications were seized?

[M. Howe.]

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Yes.

2. 3,917.

RUST RESISTING WHEAT

Mr. PERLEY:

How many bushels of rust resisting wheat were exchanged with the producers for spring wheat, for seeding requirements of 1939 under order No. 15 issued by the Canadian wheat board to all grain companies under date of August 31, 1938?

Mr. EULER: 635,452 bushels to March 29th, 1939.

PENSION ACT

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND PROVISIONS RESPECTING PENSIONS TO WIDOWS

Hon. C. G. POWER (Minister of Pensions and National Health) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure amending the Pension Act to extend the provisions under which pension may be awarded to the widow of a member of the forces after his death.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

MUNICH AGREEMENT

TABLING OF COPY OF CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM SENT BY PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell) asked me if, when I came to deal with foreign affairs, I would give the exact terms of the message to which reference was made in the press last October as having been sent by myself to Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain congratulating him upon the Munich agreement. I desire to lay a copy of this telegram on the table, and am sending an additional copy to my hon. friend.

SUPPLY

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—FOREIGN POLICY—STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER ON MOTION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of supply.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, at imperial