

By Mr. Black (Chateauguay-Huntingdon):—1. Are there any rules governing the time within which courts of federal jurisdiction must deliver judgment after taking a case under advisement? If so, what is that time?

2. If not, is the Minister of Justice contemplating introducing legislation to determine a period of that nature?

3. What is the number of cases presently under advisement by the Exchequer Court of Canada, showing cases (a) before the president of the court, (b) before the associate judge?

4. How many cases have been kept under advisement, by each judge, within the last twelve months, (a) for more than sixty days; (b) for more than four months; (c) for more than six months; (d) for more than twelve months; (e) for more than eighteen months; (f) for more than two years?

5. For what reasons is a case held under advisement for more than ninety days?

6. Is the Department of Justice keeping a record of judgments under advisement for more than ninety days?

7. Is the business of the Exchequer Court such as to warrant the appointment of an additional judge?

By Mr. Perley:—1. How many small projects, dams and dugouts, constructed under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, in the Province of Saskatchewan, were accepted, approved of and the Government committed to pay for in each of the years, 1939 and 1940?

2. What amount was paid by the Government on this account in each of the years 1939 and 1940, in the constituencies of Yorkton, Melville, Lake Centre, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Assiniboia and Qu'Appelle?

3. Which of the above were constructed by (a) contractors, and (b) individual farmers?

By Mr. Diefenbaker:—1. How many contracts have been awarded to the National Construction Company Limited with head-office at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan?

2. What are the amounts thereof?

3. When was this company incorporated?

4. Who are the directors thereof?

5. What is its total capitalization, and, of said amount, how much has been subscribed?

By Mr. McGregor:—1. What are the names of the members of the Canadian Shipping Board?

2. What is the racial origin of each?

Mr. Crerar, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order forthwith.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That when this House adjourns immediately after Parliament has disposed of the financial legislation thus far submitted for its consideration, it stand adjourned until Monday, February 17, 1941, at 3 o'clock, p.m., provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with His Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.