

By leave of the House, Mr. Ilsley moved,—That the provision of Standing Order 28, relative to the consideration of Estimates which have not been first taken up on any other day than Thursday or Friday, be suspended on Thursday and Friday the 3rd and 4th of April, 1941.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The following Questions on the Order Paper were passed by the House as Orders for Returns, under subsection 4 of Standing Order 44, and Orders of the House were issued to the proper officers accordingly, viz:—

By Mr. Ross (Souris):—1. What was the total number of employees of the Government of Canada, including employees of Commissions appointed by federal authority, on the following dates, viz:—July 1, 1930; September 1, 1935; September 1, 1939; January 1, 1941?

2. What was the average salary remuneration of such employees on each of the above dates?

By Mr. Isnor:—1. Was the amount of \$40,147 paid to Cockfield, Brown and Company, Limited, Montreal, in 1939-40 the result of tender?

2. If so, what are the names and addresses of those who tendered and the respective amount of their tenders?

3. If not by tender, how was the work assigned or arranged, and how much of the total amount was for (a) lithographing; (b) printing; (c) designing?

4. What were the names of the firms who supplied half-tones, and at what cost?

5. Were any firms in the Maritime Provinces given an opportunity to tender on this work? If so, what are their names and addresses?

6. What was the name of the booklet purchased from Cockfield, Brown and Company, and how many were purchased?

7. Was a similar order placed by the Bureau in the fiscal year 1940-41?

8. If so, (a) what was the amount; (b) who received the order; (c) was it by tender or how was it arranged?

By Mr. Black (Cumberland):—1. What sums of money have been expended for relief of fishermen in the district of Cheticamp, Inverness County, Nova Scotia, since September 1, 1940?

2. Who was responsible for the distribution of these relief funds?

3. Was a committee established to supervise the distribution of these funds?

4. If so, what were the names of the persons who served or are serving on such committee?

By Mr. Senn:—1. How many private railway cars are owned by the Dominion Government?

2. What was the purchase price of each such car?

3. What was the cost of maintenance and operation of such cars during the fiscal years 1940 and 1941?

4. What persons are entitled to use such cars and upon what terms and conditions?

5. What number of persons are employed by the Dominion Government to act as stewards, cooks, porters or in any other capacity on such cars?

6. What was the total amount of the salaries paid to such persons during the fiscal years 1940 and 1941?