

Questions

hon. member for York East (Mr. McGregor) which had to do with the grading of hogs. In a reply brought down by the minister himself there is a distinct reference to "the joint swine committee". I refer to answer No. 8, which states in part:

In 1922 the premium on the select bacon grade was established by agreement between the department and the joint swine committee, the membership of which includes representatives of various producers organizations.

Mr. GARDINER: That is not a committee set up by the government.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Oh, well—

Mr. GARDINER: I understood the committee referred to was a government committee.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Any alibi will do!

Mr. GARDINER: If there is such a committee I will try to get the names, but I do not think we have them on the list.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I think you have.

QU'APPELLE, SASK., CENSUS COMMISSIONER

Mr. PERLEY:

1. Who has been named census commissioner for the constituency of Qu'Appelle?

2. On whose recommendation was he appointed?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton-West):

1. Jas. A. McCowan, Summerberry, Sask.

2. Upon recommendation of the Minister of Trade and Commerce in consultation with his colleague, the Minister of Agriculture.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

AIR FORCE STRENGTH—RACIAL AND PROVINCIAL
ORIGINS

Mr. ROY:

1. What is the actual effective strength of the Royal Canadian Air Force at the present time?

2. How many English Canadians, French Canadians, British subjects from overseas, Americans and other nationalities are serving in the said force?

3. How many have volunteered for and enlisted in the air force in each of the provinces?

AID TO MAGDALEN ISLANDS FISHERMEN

Mr. ROY:

1. Were any representations made in 1939, and up to date in 1941, by the government of Quebec, that the dominion government should come to the aid of the fishermen of the Magdalen islands?

[Mr. R. B. Hanson.]

2. If so, (a) what was the nature of such representations, (b) what was the reply thereto, and (c) what action, if any, was taken?

AIRPORTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

1. Has the government had responsibility for the construction of airports in Newfoundland?

2. If so, what has been the total expenditure and how much is payable by, (a) the Canadian government; (b) the British government, (c) the Newfoundland government?

3. Were such expenditures made directly under government authority or through contractors?

4. What are the names of each contracting firm, and, (a) the value of each contract when let; (b) the amount paid each contractor to date and the amount due; (c) the estimated amount required to complete each contract; (d) the total estimated cost when project is completed?

5. Who will have the ownership and responsibility for operating and maintenance of such airports when construction is completed?

MOSSBANK, SASK., AIRPORT

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

1. What are the total amounts spent by the federal government to date on the airport at Mossbank?

2. What are the total commitments for this project?

3. What is the cost of erecting the electrical centrifugal pumps and what is the maximum daily supply of water available?

DOMINION CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVINCES FOR RELIEF

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

1. How much has been contributed by the federal government to the respective provinces, each year since 1935, for relief?

2. How much of this was for unemployment relief and how much for agricultural aid?

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE ACT

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

1. What is the total amount that has been received from the one per cent levy under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, during the present fiscal year?

2. How much has been spent in (a) administration costs; (b) bonus to producers?

3. How many awards have been made under this act during the present crop year?

Mr. CASGRAIN: Order for return.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Oh, why?

FREIGHT RATES EASTWARD ON WHEAT

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. What is the average price per bushel paid to the producer of wheat?

2. What is the average price of wheat flour charged to the consumer in eastern Canada?

3. Has the government taken the necessary steps to secure a reduction in the transportation charges on wheat from the prairie provinces to the eastern provinces?