

whether the men shall take speedy trial; that is for the men to elect. If they do not apply for it, the Government cannot give it to them. It is a question of law, not a question of authority.

PRIVATE BILLS.

SECOND READING.

Bill No. 147 (from the Senate), for the relief of Annie Miville.—Mr. Mowat.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

THE 1919 WHEAT CROP.

Mr. MYERS:

1. Has the Government taken any steps, or does it purpose taking any, relative to the disposal of the wheat crop of 1919?
2. Have any financial credits been arranged for?
3. Have arrangements been made for sufficient transportation facilities for the marketing of this year's crop?
4. Are there any negotiations pending with the United States Government regarding the using of the United States ports for shipment of wheat as in former years?

Hon. A. K. MACLEAN:

1. The matter of the marketing of the wheat crop, 1919, has been receiving the continuous attention of the Government. The Governments of the Allied European countries have not apparently yet determined whether their wheat supplies for this year shall be purchased and controlled wholly or partially by the said Government or whether normal trade conditions shall prevail in respect of wheat and flour importations. Until these matters have been definitely determined it is difficult to forecast with exactness the manner in which the Canadian wheat crop for this year will principally be marketed. The Canadian Government have representatives in the United Kingdom and Europe observing very carefully the probable wheat market conditions, the development of public policy in respect of this matter, and are closely in touch with Allied governments and governmental agencies dealing with this matter.

2. By reason of the facts set forth in the answer to question No. 1, the necessity of providing financial credits has not yet arisen.

3. The matter of the transportation of the wheat crop for 1919, both rail and water, in so far as possible is receiving the attention of the Government. It has been impossible to make arrangements in advance for ocean tonnage required for the

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unsold exportable wheat surplus, but it is believed that the Canadian wheat export trade will not suffer for lack of ocean tonnage during this year.

4. Informal negotiations have taken place with appropriate persons in the United States in reference to this matter. An abnormal wheat crop is anticipated in the United States this year, which will probably heavily tax the elevator storage capacity of that country for its own grain productions and thus render the same less available than usual for the export of Canadian wheat. It is expected that the port of Portland will as usual be available for the export of Canadian wheat, together with the elevator facilities there located. It is expected that the facilities of United States ports, outside of elevator storage, usually available to Canadian exports, shall continue to be available to Canadian wheat exporters during the present year.

RELEASE OF NAVAL RATINGS FROM ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Mr. DUFF:

1. Are the six naval ratings from T.R. No. 30, who were last year sentenced by court-martial to eighteen months' imprisonment in Rockhead Prison, still incarcerated in said prison?
2. If so, is the Government taking any steps to have the sentences of these young men commuted?
3. What steps, if any, are being taken to have them released?
4. When will these young men be released from custody?

(Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. The Minister of the Naval Service issued orders for their release as from 14th June, 1919.
4. Answered by No. 1.

ENEMY ALIEN PATENTS.

Sir SAM HUGHES:

1. What action has been taken by the Government regarding patents from enemy alien countries or enemy aliens in Canada?
2. Has the Government taken any of these patents over, as was done in the United States?
3. Are licenses for use of these patents granted to Canadians or others in Canada?
4. Will the Government publish a complete list of such patents now held by enemy firms or alien enemies resident in Canada?

Hon. A. K. MACLEAN:

1. Under the War Measures Act, 1914, orders and regulations were made by the Governor in Council on the 2nd of October, 1914, enabling the Commissioner of Patents to grant licenses for the use of patents held by subjects of states at war with His