

War Appropriation—Army

On that ground I ask the minister to give consideration to a further extension of leave for our boys who are on embarkation leave.

Mr. RALSTON: Sick leave.

Mr. GRAYDON: That sounds reasonable.

Item agreed to.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Crerar the house adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Monday, May 31, 1943

The house met at three o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

NATIONAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION—UNITS BUILT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1942

Mr. NICHOLSON:

1. What was the total number of housing units built under the supervision of the national housing administration as at December 31, 1942?
2. What was the total value of the said units?
3. What was the total cost of the administration up to December 31, 1942?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Loans approved under the National Housing Act, 1938, and the Dominion Housing Act, 1935, to December 31, 1942, were used to finance the construction of 23,606 housing units.

2. The estimated construction costs of residential dwellings built under the provisions of the National Housing Act, 1938, and the Dominion Housing Act, 1935, to September 30, 1942 (latest available date) were \$92,049,322.

3. The administration costs of the National Housing Act, 1938, and the Dominion Housing Act, 1935, to December 31, 1942, total \$555,415.33.

ALUMINUM COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED, AND ALUMINIUM LIMITED—REVIEW OF TAX RETURNS

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. Has the treasury board, at any time since January 1, 1938, reviewed the income tax, and/or excess profits tax returns of the Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited, and/or Aluminium Limited, and/or any other companies subsidiary to or associated with either of the foregoing, under the provisions of section 32A of the Income War Tax Act?
2. If so, on what date or dates?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

[Mr. Cruickshank.]

PURCHASE OF SYDNEY HARBOUR WATER LOTS

Mr. McGARRY:

1. Did the Department of Public Works purchase water lots on Sydney harbour?
2. If so, from whom?
3. What was the price paid for the lots?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): Yes, the Department of Public Works purchased properties on Sydney harbour consisting of land and land covered with water as follows:—

Parcel 1—From the Sydney Foundry & Machine Works, Limited, for the sum of \$68,000, by deed dated March 8, 1927.

Parcel 2—From the Sydney Foundry & Machine Works, Limited, for the sum of \$75,000, by deed dated April 12, 1939.

Parcel 3—From the estate of J. E. Burchell for the sum of \$4,000, by deed dated May 2, 1940.

SALE OF BUTTER FOR OTHER THAN HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. Has any butter that was in storage been turned over or sold to companies or individuals who are engaged in the manufacture of soap products or other products not meant for human consumption, during the past six months?

2. If so, how much has been sold, to whom, and what prices were secured therefor?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. The wartime prices and trade board has no knowledge of any butter having been disposed of for use in the manufacture of soap products or other products not meant for human consumption.

2. See answer to question No. 1.

PURCHASE OF CANADIAN WHEAT BY UNITED STATES

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. What arrangements were made for the purchase of Canadian wheat by the United States authorities at the April conference in Washington?

2. What is the quantity and grade of each of the grains involved in the agreement?

3. Are the purchases of wheat to be made through the Canadian wheat board? If not, why not?

4. Have permits been issued for the export of grain under this agreement?

5. If so, to what persons, and for what amounts?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

1. United States authorities through the Commodity Credit corporation desired to purchase Canadian wheat for feed purposes to be consumed in the eastern states. As Canadian rail and lake transportation is fully utilized