

Questions

Thursday, June 29, 1944

The house met at three o'clock.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, 28th June, 1944.

Sir:—I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Thibaudeau Rinfret, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber on Friday, the 30th June, at 5.50 p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,
Assistant Secretary to the
Governor General.

STANDING ORDERS

Second and third reports of standing committee on standing orders.—Mr. Golding.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

BEER BOTTLES

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

1. How many, (a) carloads; (b) dozens of empty beer bottles have been shipped out of Nova Scotia under administrator's order No. A-505 of the wartime prices and trade board since it became effective December 11, 1942, stating the places from which such shipments were made?

2. By whom were such shipments made?

3. Has the government or the wartime prices and trade board given consideration to the cancellation of order No. A-505, and if so, what decision has been arrived at?

4. What is the present necessity for continuance in effect of such order?

Mr. ABBOTT:

1 and 2.

Shipped by	(a) Carloads	(b)
		Dozens of empty beer bottles
Consumer Bottle Company..	161	40,250
Provincial Bottle Exchange..	272	108,250

3. Since there has been no improvement in the glass situation, the cancellation of order No. A-505 is not under consideration at the present time.

[Mr. Douglas G. Ross.]

4. There are no beer bottles manufactured in the maritime provinces. Under the provisions of order No. A-505, the local brewers are assured of their requirements of used beer bottles as they become available within the province, and the balance of bottles remaining after the local requirements have been met, are shipped under permit as nearly as possible on an equitable distribution basis to those breweries in Ontario and Quebec who deliver beer to the maritimes, so that they may be provided with empty bottles with which to fill the quotas of beer set for them by the liquor commissioners of the maritimes.

MOBILIZATION ACT—ENLISTMENTS, DISCHARGES, ETC.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. How many men during each of the months of March, April and May of 1944 have, (a) enlisted for active service in the army; (b) been enrolled under the National Resources Mobilization Act?

2. During each of the said months, how many men have been discharged from the army?

Mr. MACDONALD (Halifax):

1. (a) March—According to documents received at the records office up to 22 June, 1944: 3,397 including 389 men previously enrolled as N.R.M.A. soldiers.

April—According to documents received at the records office up to 22 June, 1944: 4,302 including 1,429 men previously enrolled as N.R.M.A. soldiers.

May—Estimated: 3,800 including 700 men previously enrolled as N.R.M.A. soldiers.

(b) March—According to documents received at the records office up to 22 June, 1944: 1,838.

April—According to documents received at the records office up to 22 June, 1944: 1,552.

May—Estimated: 2,000.

2. March—According to documents received at the records office up to 22 June, 1944: 5,634.

April—According to documents received at the records office up to 22 June, 1944: 5,111.

May—Estimated: 5,000.

NOTE.—Figures for the month of May have been estimated to allow for the proportion of documents pertaining to that month still outstanding at the 22 June, 1944.

MOBILIZATION ACT—ABSENTEES AND DESERTERS

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. How many absentees and deserters, by provinces or military districts, have been located since the 1st of May, 1944, as a result of the sending out of letters to the next of kin seeking information regarding the men involved?

2. How many letters were sent out, and in how many cases were replies received?