

Questions as Orders for Returns

Mr. GARDINER: There are other reasons.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): But that is the main reason and the one I have always heard urged in this house. I know that the government has considerable authority in this matter, but I do know that private members are entitled to get the answers to their questions on record unless there is some primary reason why that should not be done. I have heard that alleged by hon. gentlemen opposite when they were sitting over here.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: As my hon. friend is aware it is for the government itself to decide whether it will have a question answered immediately or be made an order for return, and the government takes the responsibility for its decision.

WAR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES—SHIPS, AEROPLANES, AUTOMOBILE UNITS AND NAVAL GUNS

Mr. BRUCE:

1. How many ships will be in service in the Royal Canadian Navy by March 31, 1941?

2. How many aeroplanes are now being produced per month or will be produced per month by March 31, 1941?

3. How many Anson aeroplanes have been produced up to the 1st of February, 1941?

4. How many Anson aeroplanes have been produced in Canada for training purposes?

5. What other types of aeroplanes are being made in Canada and what has been the production of each up to the 1st of February, 1941?

6. How many automotive units for military purposes were being produced per day on January 31, 1941?

7. How many naval guns have been produced in Canada's largest gun plant up to February 1, 1941?

8. What is the size of the largest naval gun produced?

9. How many 25-pounders have been produced by February 1, 1941?

10. Have any of the latter been sent overseas? If so, how many?

GOVERNMENT PURCHASES OF MOTOR CARS

Mr. COCKERAM:

1. How many motor cars have been purchased by the government since September 1, 1939, for the use of, (a) headquarters staff of the Department of National Defence; (b) headquarters staff of the Department of National Defence for Air; (c) headquarters staff of the Department of National Defence for Naval Affairs?

2. What make or makes of cars have been so purchased?

3. What number of each make was purchased?

4. What are the names and the positions respectively of each of the officers and/or officials of each of the several departments mentioned who are entitled to the use of the motor cars so purchased by the government?

5. How many men enlisted in the services are engaged in full or part time duty as chauffeurs?

6. What is the total amount expended to date for the cars so purchased for gas, oil and maintenance?

[Mr. R. B. Hanson.]

REESTABLISHMENT OF SOLDIERS INVALIDED HOME OR DISCHARGED AS MEDICALLY UNFIT

Mr. COCKERAM:

1. What are the total enlistments by provinces in Canada for the following: (a) navy; (b) R.C.A.F.; (c) active army; (d) reserve army?

2. How many men have been discharged as medically unfit since September 1, 1939, to January 31, 1941, from the following forces: (a) navy; (b) R.C.A.F.; (c) active forces?

3. How many men have been invalided home from overseas on account of wounds?

4. How many men have been invalided home from overseas on account of illness?

5. What steps have been taken to reestablish these men in civilian life other than one month's pay, one month's dependents' allowance and clothing allowance of \$35?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

JOHN INGLIS COMPANY—CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Mr. CARDIFF:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, memoranda and/or other documents and papers in the possession of the government, relating to all contracts, supplementary contracts or agreements and/or revisions of contracts or agreements entered into between his majesty's government in Canada and the John Inglis Company of Toronto since September 1, 1939.

BAIE-DES-SABLES, QUE.—WHARF CONTRACT

Mr. ROY:

For a copy of all correspondence, reports, estimates, recommendations, bills and vouchers, bearing on the payment of the sum of \$14,332.50 by the government to Bertrand and Brother, L'Original, Ontario, as compensation for the cancellation and termination of a contract awarded in 1939 for the construction of a wharf at Baie-des-Sables, county of Matane, for the approximate sum of \$76,832.86, and covered by a budget appropriation of \$25,000.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES—COST OF CAMPAIGN

Mr. COCKERAM:

For a return showing: (a) the total amount of money expended to date in advertising the sale of war savings certificates; (b) the names of the agencies employed for this purpose; (c) the amounts paid to each such agency; (d) the names of all persons employed with remuneration in the organization of the campaign; (e) the amounts, paid to each such person.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

For a copy of the report submitted by S. Cuddy, Esq., supervisor of short weights to E. O. Way, director of weights and measures, under date of October 13, 1939.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, the report in question is confidential, and in my opinion it is not in the public interest that it be released.

Motion dropped.