

Questions

BREWERS AND DISTILLERS—HOUSE OF SEAGRAM

Mr. NICHOLSON:

1. Has the attention of the Minister of National Revenue been drawn to the large advertisements by the House of Seagram appearing in Canadian daily papers?

2. Are such advertisements allowable as costs connected with the industry when computing corporation, income and excess profits taxes?

3. Will it be possible for brewers and distillers to publish this type of advertisement in the light of the Prime Minister's broadcast on December 16, 1942?

Mr. GIBSON:

1. Yes.

2. Yes, but to-day's advertising costs are not permitted to exceed a reasonable relationship to the advertising costs incurred in the standard period.

3. Yes, as they do not advertise spirituous liquors.

SELECTIVE SERVICE—HEALTH AND MORALE OF WAR WORKERS

Mr. COLDWELL:

1. Is there a recreation programme under national selective service designed to sustain and improve the health and morale of war workers?

2. If so, who is in charge of, and responsible for, the programme?

3. What budget has been allocated for the programme?

4. Of what does the programme consist?

Mr. MITCHELL:

1 and 2. Mrs. Rex Eaton, assistant director of women and welfare division, has under study the question of war-time recreation. A number of conferences have been held with provincial authorities and others interested. The underlying principle of the development of recreation by the national selective service is to foster, encourage and develop the essential attitude of mind on the part of war workers and their families to partake in healthful, wholesome activities.

3. Authority has been granted for all national selective service activity out of the war appropriation vote.

4. In areas where war industries are established efforts are made to encourage existing groups, clubs and organizations to organize their programmes to meet the present war-time recreational needs of their community; to place their facilities at the disposal of war workers at hours convenient to the workers and to give leadership in the recreational activities. Cooperation of management of war industries in the improvement of existing facilities and leadership is being encouraged. Where no such facilities and leadership are available a survey is being

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made of essential requirements and upon the basis of such a survey the necessary plans will be given effect.

WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED—ST. CATHARINES WOMEN'S HOSTEL

Mr. NICHOLSON:

What was the cost of preparing plans and specifications for Wartime Housing Limited for the women's hostel in St. Catharines?

Mr. MICHAUD: \$1,449.47.

WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED—HAMILTON PERMANENT HOUSES

Mr. NICHOLSON:

What was the cost of preparing plans and specifications in connection with the permanent houses proposed by Wartime Housing Limited for Hamilton?

Mr. MICHAUD: \$326.61.

STORAGE OF BUTTER IN WAREHOUSES

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Is there a quantity of butter stored in warehouses in Canada?

2. If so, how many pounds?

3. Will such butter be made available to the public?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Total stocks of creamery butter in warehouses in Canada, March 1, were estimated to be equal to about one pound per person or about half the quantity held at that date last year.

2. Total stocks held in storage warehouses and creameries in Canada March 1 are now being compiled by the dominion bureau of statistics and will be announced March 10. Stocks in the nine principal cities of Canada, March 1, 1943 already announced by dominion bureau of statistics totalled 4,552,227 pounds compared with 13,079,288 pounds March 1, 1942.

3. All butter held in warehouses in Canada is available to the public. No stocks are being withheld from sale and there is no incentive to do so for the price cannot advance and no carrying charges can be earned. Measures taken by the wartime prices and trade board would effectively prevent withholding butter, should any attempt be made to do so.

BORROWINGS FROM BANK OF CANADA AND CHARTERED BANKS

Mr. SLAGHT:

1. How much of the \$983 million which we shall have borrowed during the current fiscal year from the Bank of Canada and the chartered banks, will come from, (a) the Bank of Canada; (b) the chartered banks?