

Questions

2. No. Preparation of plans for the bridge piers are under way. Final design for these structures could not be completed until rock boring results were obtained.

3. Expected in 1950.

4. P. L. Pratley, D. Eng., M. Inst., C.E., consulting engineer, 909 Drummond building, St. Catherine street west, Montreal, P.Q.

TRADE WITH SPAIN

Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf):

What was the value, in Canadian dollars, of our imports from Spain and our exports to that country for the year 1948?

Mr. McIlraith: Imports from Spain, \$2,586,163; exports to Spain, \$618,188.

TOBACCO EXPORTS TO UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Coyle:

1. What was the value of our tobacco exports to the United Kingdom during each of the years 1946, 1947 and 1948?

2. Has Canada a contract with the United Kingdom for tobacco this year? If so, what is the estimated value of it?

Mr. McIlraith:

1.

	1946	1947	1948
Description	\$	\$	\$
Burley	407,573	386,862	266,626
Bright flue			
cured ...	4,044,024	10,796,088	5,975,876
Dark air fire			
cured	95,035	142,446	82,891
Cigar leaf .	—	63,598	—
Raw leaf			
n.o.p. ...	27,060	3,380	4,709
Cigars	—	63	70
Cigarettes ..	2,241	—	—
Manufactured			
n.o.p.	10	—	—
Total ..	\$4,575,943	11,392,437	6,330,172

2. Canada does not have a contract with the United Kingdom for tobacco this year, nor, in fact, has she had a contract in the preceding years. This year, however, the United Kingdom has indicated that the quantity to be purchased will be somewhat larger than in 1948.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—VISITS TO GRAVES OVERSEAS

Mr. Hansell:

1. Has the government given any consideration to the granting of assistance to next of kin of deceased servicemen to enable them to visit graves overseas?

2. What action, if any, is being taken?

Mr. Gregg:

1. No formal consideration.

2. The department has information that certain veterans organizations have plans to organize, when shipping accommodation

[Mr. Chevrier.]

becomes available, a pilgrimage to Europe along lines somewhat similar to the Vimy pilgrimage organized in 1936 by the Canadian Legion.

UNRRA—SALE OF CANADIAN HORSES

Mr. Ross (Souris):

1. What was the number of horses sold from Canada under UNRRA during the year 1946?

2. On what basis were they sold?

3. If by contract, through whom and at what price per head, basis Montreal?

Mr. McIlraith:

1. Acting as purchasing agent of UNRRA the Canadian Commercial Corporation purchased from private sources in Canada 18,470 horses during the year 1946.

2. Answered by No. 3 below.

3. The horses were purchased under contracts with the firms in the numbers and at the average cost, basis Montreal, as follows:

Horse Co-operative Market-		
ing Association, Swift		
Current, Sask.	1091	\$110.27
Coulter Brothers, Toronto,		
Ont.	1173	\$114.43
Alex. Picov, Pickering, Ont.	1590	\$113.18
Bodnoff Horse Exchange,		
Montreal, P.Q.	7304	\$114.48
Stewart Brothers Horse		
Exchange, Montreal, P.Q.	7312	\$114.50
Average over-all cost per head, basis Mon-		
treál, \$114.006.		

VETERANS AFFAIRS—EMPLOYEES AND PATIENTS
AT HEALTH AND OCCUPATIONAL CENTRES

Mr. MacInnis:

1. What is the number of employees and the classification of such employees employed in the following health and occupational centres: (a) Ridgewood, Saint John, New Brunswick; (b) Senneville, Montreal, Quebec; (c) Rideau, Ottawa, Ontario; (d) York, Toronto, Ontario; (e) Divadale, Toronto, Ontario; (f) Veterans Convalescent hospital, Calgary, Alberta; (g) George Derby health and occupational centre, Vancouver, British Columbia?

2. What is the maximum number of patients that can be accommodated at each of the health and occupational centres?

3. What was the total cost of maintaining such centres for the last year for which a record is available?

Mr. Gregg:

Return as at September 23, 1949:

1. See schedule "A".

2. Ridgewood health and occupational centre, Saint John, N.B., 100; Veterans health and occupational centre, Senneville, Que., 200; Rideau health and occupational centre, Ottawa, Ont., 175; York health and occupational centre, Toronto, Ont., 100; Divadale health and occupational centre, Toronto, Ont., 139; Veterans convalescent hospital, Calgary, Alta., 110; George Derby health and occupational centre, Vancouver, B.C., 200.

3. \$1,332,173.90.