

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

GRAIN ELEVATOR WEIGH-OVERS

Mr. Castleden:

1. Which (a) terminal elevators; (b) eastern elevators, were weighed over during the 1952-53 crop year?
2. What was the date of weigh-over in each case?
3. Who was the representative on the board of grain commissioners at each of these weigh-overs?
4. In which of these elevators was weigh-over deferred beyond the 22 month period?
5. During what period of time since 1950 has the position of assistant commissioner been vacant?

Mr. Dickey: Return tabled.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—PEEL COUNTY EXPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Pallett:

1. How many parcels of land are affected by the Department of Transport expropriation plan registered in the registry office of the county of Peel on February 12, 1954, as No. 79365?
2. How many parcels of land so expropriated have been paid for?
3. For how many parcels of land has the amount of compensation (a) been determined; (b) not yet been determined; (c) been determined but not yet paid?
4. Where the land expropriated was farm land, what was the average price per acre?
5. Where parcels of land were lots on subdivisions, what was the average price per foot frontage?
6. What was the basis for determining the value of buildings?
7. Who are the property evaluators acting on behalf of the Department of Transport in this instance?
8. What experience have they had in doing evaluations?

TRADE

LEAD AND ZINC—REPORTED INCREASE IN UNITED STATES TARIFFS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of recent reports that legislation is being considered in the United States to provide for an increase in tariffs on lead and zinc does the government intend to make a protest in respect to this proposal?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): At the last session of congress somewhat similar proposals were introduced, and at that time the government made representations. I think it probable that the government will make representations on this occasion.

Inquiries of the Ministry BRIDGES

ALLUMETTE ISLAND—INQUIRY AS TO COMPLETION OF AGREEMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. Proudfoot (Pontiac-Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works if the governments of Ontario and Quebec have signed the final agreements to build the Allumette bridge and, if so, when is work likely to start?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. The answer to the first part of his question is yes, the governments of Ontario and Quebec have now joined with us in signing an agreement for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the proposed inter-provincial bridge across the Ottawa river at Allumette island. Under the arrangement the federal Department of Public Works is preparing the plans for all the bridges involved and each government is to build its appropriate share. The federal government will build the centre span.

The plans for the Ontario portion were forwarded to the government of Ontario on March 11, 1955. They are being reviewed preliminary to tender call which should be ready early in April. The plans for the Quebec portion were forwarded to the government of Quebec on March 15, 1955, and it is anticipated that tenders will be called in the near future.

The federal Department of Public Works anticipates having the plans and specifications for the centre span completed and tenders invited by the latter part of May of this year.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE

INQUIRY AS TO RECHECKS ON APPLICATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of complaints made with respect to Prairie Farm Assistance Act payments, can the minister give assurance that a farmer wishing a recheck may have the same on application to the P.F.A.A. office?

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture): Yes. The general practice is that a municipality makes application for payments in townships within the municipality. A check is then made from the office at Regina and a decision rendered as to whether payment is to be made. After