

That is the department at Ottawa and the department at Washington.

—have met in committee on two occasions and discussed their respective agricultural programmes with a view to relating them as much as possible.

As far as grain production is concerned, the main understanding developed has been with respect to increased production of coarse grains in Western Canada, with a view to making surplus quantities available to the United States.

Wheat for feed purposes was also considered and it was understood that, if necessary, the United States department would draw on Canadian supplies for feed purposes.

With respect to the wheat production policy as a whole, this was not dealt with specifically, it being recognized that there is provision in this regard under the Wheat Agreement. The recent action of the United States Government to increase their wheat acreage this year is no doubt based on considerations having to do with their own needs for wheat both for human and live-stock purposes, but this action was taken without reference to the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

## THE SENATE

Saturday, July 24, 1943.

### First Sitting

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### ARMY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON CARTIER SQUARE

#### INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. TANNER inquired of the Government:

In respect to the Army administration building consisting of three storeys of wood construction above basement of concrete, situated on Cartier Square, at Laurier Avenue, in the city of Ottawa, what are provided as safeguards against fire, particularly:

1. Outside fire escapes of wood or metal?
2. Inside fire escapes from each floor, and what they consist of?
3. Stairways, their dimensions, and whether of wood or metal?
4. Number of fire hose attachments on each floor?
5. Number of chemical fire extinguishers on each floor of building?
6. Number of fire watchers on duty day and night respectively?
7. What arrangement or agreement, if any, exists with the City of Ottawa for city fire service?
8. If there is a sprinkler system, is it installed so as to be effective on the outer wooden walls of the building?

Hon. Mr. KING: Answers to this inquiry are submitted as follows:

1. There are no outside fire escapes on the building.

2. There are inside stairways in the building, which act as both fire escapes and passages for daily business. There are inside stairways (12).

3. Stairways and towers are constructed of concrete and are completely fire-resistive. Stair tower, inside dimension, sixteen feet by ten feet. Stairs, four feet, three inches wide. Heavy standard fire doors provided at each landing. Automatic closers are to be provided for these doors.

4. There are no fire hose attachments on floors inside of building.

5. There are sixty units of fire extinguishers in the building, fifteen on each floor, of which six are chemical and nine five-gallon pump tanks.

6. There are seven fire watchers on duty from 0830 hours to 1630 hours (military personnel.) From 1630 hours to 2330 hours, seven fire watchers, one N.C.O. and military personnel. From 2330 hours to 0830 hours, one military guard and three civilian watchmen. There are also appointed from the staff one chief fire warden and one deputy fire warden, two fire wardens and two deputy fire wardens on each floor, and an organized staff who are on duty from 0900 hours to 1800 hours daily, except Sunday.

7. Close co-operation exists in fire prevention and protection matters between the officials and the City of Ottawa Fire Department. Numerous contacts are made with these officials in carrying out inspections and obtaining the benefit of their experience in these matters. City hydrants are located strategically around the building, and a fire alarm box is located at the Ordnance Buildings, Cartier Square. Arrangements have also been completed, and signs have been posted throughout the building, to notify by telephone the City Fire Department in the event of any emergency. Apart from the first-aid fire equipment mentioned above, there are distributed throughout the building a number of stirrup pumps, fire pails and axes. On each floor of the building are provided six water outlets for use in conjunction with fire pails and stirrup pumps. In each court of the building is installed a water tap at the ground level, to be used with garden hose in the event of fire breaking out in those areas. Owing to the fact that the building is still incomplete and is not yet totally occupied, and that the directorates in occupation have only recently moved in, no fire drill has yet been held. Plans are in