in which the work is being performed for the character or class of work in which they are respectively engaged, and if there be no current rate in such district, then a fair and reasonable rate.

To furnish the wage rates prevailing in all the plants mentioned would entail an enormous amount of work, as the number of labour classifications in each plant varies from 50 to 200. This would require extra staff for a considerable length of time, or the diversion of present staff from current war duties, and it is therefore considered not in the public interest to reply in detail to this question.

ICE CREAM RATIONING

Mr. LECLERC:

Has the government rationed the quantities of ice cream which may be manufactured quarterly during 1942?

Mr. GARDINER : No, but the dairy products board has by order restricted the volume of sales of ice cream to civilian accounts during any one quarter in 1942 to those of the corresponding quarter in 1941. Volume of sales of ice cream to military establishments, certain charitable organizations operated or managed within the limits of military establishments, Red Cross and military or civilian hospitals are exempt from the provisions of the order.

WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED-ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS ENGAGED IN HAMILTON

Mr. NICHOLSON:

1. What firms of engineers and architects have been engaged by Wartime Housing Limited for the building of houses in Hamilton, Ontario?

2. On what basis have they been paid?

3. How much have they been paid for each housing unit?

Mr. HOWE:

1. Hutton & Souter, Hamilton, Ont. Prack & Prack, Hamilton, Ont.

2. The basis is 1 per cent of the cost of the houses.

3. Between \$17.21 and \$27.59 depending upon the size and type of house constructed.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

WARTIME HOUSING-PREFABRICATED HOUSES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

1. Has the government authorized Wartime Housing Limited to build prefabricated houses in or near New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and in or near Pictou?

[Mr. Mitchell.]

2. If so, when was such authorization issued and for how many houses and how many staff houses or other buildings?

3. Were tenders called or prices asked for?

4. If so, what firms or persons submitted prices, stating the amount in each instance?

5. Have tenders been let or contracts entered into? If so, state names and amounts with unit costs and total costs?

6. What offers of land were originally submitted, stating the quantity and prices asked? 7. What land has been acquired, stating quantity, owners and prices?

8. Were tenders called in 1942 for construc-

tion of streets, water and sewer works?

9. If so, who submitted tenders or prices stating the amount in each instance, and what is the total estimated cost?

10. Who has been awarded the contract for building such streets, water and sewer works, stating the unit and total estimated costs?

11. Who has been engaged to search titles and survey and lay off the site and what payments have been made or arranged for?

12. When must such buildings be removed and total estimated costs?

Mr. HOWE: Return tabled.

MILITARY SERVICE-FARM LEAVE-BENOIT TELLIER

Mr. FERLAND:

1. Did Benoit Tellier, enlisted No. D-606356, March, 1942, request farm leave from his in C.O. at Three Rivers, Quebec, his request being Signed and sworn to by himself and his father, Eugene Tellier, farmer of St. Elizabeth? 2. Has this application for leave been for-warded to military headquarters in Montreal

in accordance with the requirements of military law?

3. What is the final decision upon this application?

Mr. RALSTON: Return tabled.

MILITARY UNIFORMS AND WOOLLEN BLANKETS

Mr. GAUTHIER:

1. Has Canada imported any cloth for men's overcoats and greatcoats from the British isles since 1939?

2. If so, (a) how many yards, in each of the years 1939, 1940 and 1941; (b) what total sum in Canadian currency do these importations represent?

3. Has the government, since 1939, given military uniforms to England or any other of the united nations?

4. If so, (a) how many to each; (b) how many to each in the years 1939, 1940 and 1941?

5. Has the Canadian government given wool blankets to England and to any of the united nations?

6. If so, how many and to what value?

7. Has Canada exported military uniforms or cloth for military uniforms to England or to any of the united nations since 1939? If so, to what country or countries?

8. Has Canada exported wool blankets to England or any of the united nations? If so, what quantity to each country and for what amount?

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