

## Questions

it completed; (e) what were the findings; (f) if such investigation was not completed, what is the reason?

Mr. GIBSON:

1. On the disbandment of No. 34 EFTS Assiniboia, the premises were allocated to accommodate No. 41 Pre-aircrew training school and No. 403 aircraft holding unit, effective 21 August, 1944. Effective the same day a small RCAF Station was formed at Assiniboia to provide services and maintenance for the PATS and AHU.

2. Yes. The gravelling of this road was considered necessary to enable maintenance of the buildings on the station to be carried out.

3. A three months' supply of coal consisting of 947 tons of lignite stoker and 56 tons of sub-bituminous lump. The last delivery was made on November 30, 1944, and the total cost was \$3,782.10.

4. When it became apparent that sufficient aircrew had been trained No. 41 PATS was no longer required and was disbanded effective 15 November, 1944. A new and more efficient method of handling stored reserve equipment allowed of the disbandment of No. 403 AHU, effective 1 December, 1944. As RCAF Station, Assiniboia, had been formed to maintain services for these units, it was no longer required after their closing and was disbanded effective 1 December, 1944.

5. No information is available indicating that any such investigation was ever undertaken.

6. Not applicable.

## INDIANS—MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. Were the Indians of Canada residing on the reserves, included in the national registration of 1940?

2. Are Indians residing on Indian reserves in Canada subject to compulsory military call under government regulations?

3. How many Indians, in each military district, have been compelled to take military training in Canada under existing regulations?

Mr. MARTIN:

1. Yes.

2. The resident Indian Agents, located on the Indian reserves throughout Canada, at the end of August 1940, were appointed as deputy registrars under the national registration regulations, 1940, and authorized and instructed to register all Canadian Indians who were on the reserves at that time, whether residents or visitors, and to continue

[Mr. Shaw.]

such registrations, including those of young Indians as they attain their sixteenth birthday. Under this arrangement the majority of Canadian Indians who were on or about the reserves in September 1940 were then registered there. Most of the Indians who were then away from the reserves were registered at the reserves upon their return. Others became registered at various outlying post offices or at outlying R.C.M. Police detachment offices. In this way a very complete registration of all Canadian Indians has been effected and is being continued. It is not compulsory that the Indians must register on a reserve.

3. It is regretted that we have no information available to divulge this fact.

## QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

LEGAL SERVICES—BORDEN, ELLIOT, SANKEY AND KELLEY

Mr. POULIOT:

Since the beginning of the war, how much was paid each year by the dominion government and any dominion board, commission and corporation and any other dominion agency to—1. the law firm of Borden, Elliot, Sankey and Kelley, barristers and solicitors, of the city of Toronto;

2. The following partners of the above mentioned firm: (a) H. Borden, K.C.; (b) B. V. Elliot, K.C.; (c) R. H. Sankey, K.C.; (d) W. A. G. Kelley; (e) J. T. Johnson; (f) I. G. Wahn; (g) A. D. McAlpine, and (h) Hon. C. P. McTague, K.C.?

## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

RETIREMENT OF MAJOR-GENERAL PEARKES

Mr. BRUCE:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other communications exchanged between Major-General G. H. Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., and General McNaughton, or any officer in the Department of National Defence, relating to—1. His retirement from the Pacific command.

2. Instructions issued by the Department to General Pearkes and/or his officers in the Pacific command on methods to be employed in inducing the personnel of the home defence army to go overseas.

3. Reports made by General Pearkes to the Department of National Defence giving the nature and result of the efforts of himself and staff in carrying out the instructions stated above?

Mr. ABBOTT: I think that most of the documents asked for here are confidential and probably privileged. That certainly applies to communications between General Pearkes and