

Mr. HOWE: No, and there is no further lay-off contemplated at this time. For the month of March and continuing until April 7, 1943, 134 men were laid off and 221 left the employ of the company of their own accord.

Payroll and staff figures for the Transcona cordite plant for the last five months are as follows:

	Payroll	Staff
November	2984	358
December	2880	363
January	2749	353
February	2613	348
March	2261	327

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PRICE CEILING—FARMERS' REQUIREMENTS AND FARM PRODUCTS

Mr. FAIR:

1. Since the wartime prices and trade board was set up, what items necessarily purchased by the farmer for production purposes, have been increased in price by order of the board?
2. During the same period, on what products of the farm has the ceiling price been raised?

Mr. ILSLEY: Return tabled.

SUBSIDIES TO FISHERIES

Mr. ROY:

During the fiscal years 1937-38 to 1941-42, both inclusive, what subsidies relating to fisheries were granted by the dominion government to governments, individuals, companies and other organizations in each province, directly, or through the media of federal bodies?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier): Return tabled.

PENSIONS—VETERANS OF NORTHWEST REBELLION

Mr. PARENT:

1. How many veterans of the Northwest rebellion are still living in Canada?
2. Are they on the same footing as veterans of the great war, and in receipt of a similar pension?
3. If not, will steps be taken to put them on the same footing with respect to rights and privileges as veterans of the 1914-1918 great war and the present war?

GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMPANIES

Mr. COTE:

1. Have any government-owned companies been set up since January 1, 1943?
2. If so, what are they, and for what special purpose?
3. What are the addresses of their business offices and/or plants?
4. To which federal department is each responsible?
5. What are the names and addresses of the directors of each company?

SHIPBUILDING—CORVETTES

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. Are any of Canada's shipyards not working twenty-four hours per day?
2. If so, what are the reasons for not working full time?
3. What is the total number of full-construction days lost in Canada's shipyards during 1942?
4. What is the average time required to construct a corvette from Canadian shipyards?
5. How many man-hours of labour are required in the construction of a corvette from Canadian shipyards?

APPOINTMENTS BY ORDER IN COUNCIL

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. How many persons have been appointed by order in council in each of the departments of government in each of the years, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942?
2. What was the rate of salary, expenses or other remuneration in each such appointment?

NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AS OF MARCH 31, 1943

Mr. MCGREGOR:

1. How many government employees, both permanent and temporary, including those working on wartime boards, were there as of March 31, 1943?
2. How many were there on March 31, 1942?

PURCHASE OF ARM CHAIRS, CHESTERFIELD SUITES, ETC.

Mr. MCGREGOR:

1. How many, (a) arm chairs, whether upholstered or not; (b) chesterfield suites, in whole or in part; (c) sofas or lounges, have been purchased by each department in each year, 1939-1942 inclusive?
2. What was the total expenditure therefor in each of said years?

PROVINCIAL GASOLINE TAX REVENUES

Mr. REID:

1. What was the total number of gallons of gasoline used in each of the nine provinces during the years, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942, (a) for civilian use; (b) commercial use, trucks and busses?
2. What sums of money have been paid or are due to the various provinces for any losses they have sustained due to the loss of revenue in connection with gasoline taxes, giving the period for which these sums are due or payable to the various provinces?

WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED—PREMISES

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's):

1. How many premises are occupied by War-time Housing Limited?
2. What is the location of each?
3. What is the floor space of each?
4. What is the rental price of each?
5. Whom were they rented from?
6. What is the duration of each lease?