

Mr. **POULIOT**:

1. Did Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.Sc., LL.D., president of the National Research Council, make any scientific discovery, from the date of his appointment, June 1, 1935, until now?

2. If so, what was it?

3. If not, what has he been doing as president of such council?

Mr. **ROGERS**: Mr. Speaker, this appears to be a rhetorical question and does not admit of an answer in its present terms. I would ask that it be dropped.

Mr. **SPEAKER**: Dropped.

Mr. **POULIOT**: I have no complaint to make as to meeting the objections of the minister. I am ready to go to the limit, and this is the next step within the limit.

Mr. **SPEAKER**: Order.

LIEUT. COL. W. ARTHUR STEEL

Mr. **POULIOT**:

1. Referring to sessional paper No. 213 of March 11, 1937, did Lieutenant-Colonel W. Arthur Steel pay anything for his superannuation between October 1, 1931, and January 17, 1933?

2. If so, how much?

3. If not, why?

4. Before October 1, 1931, did he pay anything for his military pension, and, if so, how much?

Mr. **MACKENZIE** (Vancouver):

1, 2 and 3. \$267.59, under the provisions of the Militia Pension Act.

4. \$2,151.34.

CORONATION DAY: COMMEMORATIVE PLANTINGS

Mr. **PURDY**:

1. Is it a fact that a quantity of acorns from the Royal oaks will be sent to Canada for distribution to various points in order that they may be planted on coronation day in the hope of producing trees to commemorate the day?

2. If so, in what manner and through what agency will the distribution be made?

Mr. **RINFRET**:

1. A press dispatch concerning the distribution of acorns was called to the attention of the government. Inquiries were made through the high commissioner for Canada in Great Britain, who advised that he had been informed that an organization known as "Men of the Trees" had shipped 10,000 acorns, collected in New Forest, consigned to "Men of the Trees, President, F. E. Robson, Yonge street, Toronto." A subsequent press despatch stated that acorns also were presented to the Ontario motor league by the Automobile Association of Canada with

which the Ontario motor league is affiliated, but the government has no official information concerning this shipment.

2. Answered by No. 1.

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

### MINERAL PRICES AND MINERS' WAGES

Mr. **ELLIOTT** (Kindersley):

1. What has been the increase in the price of the various minerals mined in Canada in 1933, compared with the present price?

2. What has been the increase in wages of the miners during the same period?

Mr. **CRERAR**: Return tabled herewith.

### RECRUITMENT FOR ROYAL AIR FORCE

Mr. **ELLIOTT** (Kindersley):

1. What number of recruits presented themselves for examination before the Department of National Defence for the Royal Air Force, since January 1, 1935?

2. How many have been accepted?

3. How many were rejected?

4. How many applications in any allotted time can be handled?

5. What qualifications are necessary for this service?

6. What is the duration of the service and remuneration?

### NIAGARA CAMP AND NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE EMPLOYMENT

Mr. **LOCKHART**:

1. How many men were employed during 1936 on work in connection with Niagara Camp grounds and the rifle ranges at Niagara-on-the-Lake?

2. How many were returned men?

3. What was the rate of pay?

4. Were any of the men employed American citizens?

5. What are the names of those employed?

6. What were their earnings during the year 1936?

### VANCOUVER HARBOUR COMMISSION EMPLOYEES

Mr. **GREEN**:

1. What persons were in the employ of the Vancouver harbour commission, or the National harbours board at Vancouver at any time during the period from the 1st day of April, 1932, to the 31st day of December, 1936?

2. What were the total earnings of each of such persons for such period, or the part thereof during which he, or she, was so employed?

3. What were the total deductions, if any, made from the salary or wage of each of such persons under the Salary Deduction Act, 1932, and amending acts, for such period, or the part thereof during which he, or she, was so employed?