

*Motions for Papers*

of the Canadian people and especially the people of the province of Quebec who want to know what their government is doing about this.

Mr. ROY: I should be satisfied if the government would produce all the correspondence exchanged between the government of the province of Quebec and the government here at Ottawa, excluding all correspondence with the government of the United States.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I understand from my hon. friend that he will be quite satisfied to have such correspondence as has been exchanged between Ottawa and Quebec and which is not confidential because of what it would disclose with respect to present negotiations with the United States. If that is what my hon. friend is asking for—

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Then as leader of the government of Canada I am being asked to disclose information which relates to negotiations which are pending and which of necessity are confidential as between the two governments. In the first instance I should have to obtain the consent of the government of the United States to the tabling of any correspondence relating to negotiations now taking place. I do not think I would be justified in placing upon the government of the United States the onus of not having this correspondence produced when I know that international procedure would require that it should not be produced. On that basis, I am prepared personally to take the responsibility for not tabling any such correspondence at the present time.

Motion dropped.

## LITTLE ANSE, N.S., BREAKWATER

Mr. MacKINNON (Kootenay East):

For a copy of all payrolls for 1940, in connection with the work performed on the breakwater at Little Anse, Richmond county, Nova Scotia?

## WAR CONTRACTS—COST-PLUS AND MANAGEMENT-FEE

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury):

For a copy of all cost plus contracts and of all management fee contracts, the ultimate expenditure upon which is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000, awarded by the defence purchasing board, the war supply board, the Department of Munitions and Supply, the Department of National Defence, the Department of National Defence for Air, or the Department of National Defence for Naval Affairs, since September 1, 1939, together with any supplementary contracts or revisions made to date.

[Mr. R. B. Hanson.]

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—A. NEWMAN

Mr. NICHOLSON:

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the dominion Department of Agriculture and the Alberta government during the years 1935 to 1940, inclusive, in connection with the work of Mr. A. Newman, field man with the live stock and poultry branch, dominion production service. Also a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the dominion Department of Agriculture and Mr. A. Newman, during the period 1939 to 1940, inclusive, in connection with the resignation of Mr. Newman.

## WAR PENSIONS

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

Hon. IAN A. MACKENZIE (Minister of Pensions and National Health) moved:

That a select committee be set up to which shall be referred for consideration the general provisions of the Pension Act and the War Veterans' Allowance Act, and to which shall be referred specifically such questions connected with pensions and the problems of ex-service men as the house may deem advisable; and

That rule 65 be suspended in relation thereto; and

That the said committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records; to examine witnesses for evidence; to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee for the use of the committee and members of the house; and to report from time to time; and

That the committee shall consist of the following members: Messrs. Abbott, Black, Blanchette, Brooks, Bruce, Casselman (Grenville-Dundas), Casselman (Edmonton East), Cleaver, Cockeram, Cruickshank, Emmerson, Eudes, Ferron, Gillis, Gray, Green, Harris (Gray-Bruce), Isnor, Lapointe (Matapedia-Matane), Macdonald (Brantford), MacKenzie (Neepawa), Mackenzie (Vancouver Centre), Macmillan, Marshall, McCuaig, McLean (Simcoe East), Mutch, Quelch, Reid, Ross (Middlesex East), Ross (Souris), Sanderson, Thorson, Tucker, Turgeon, Vien, Winkler, Wright.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): In submitting the names of our soldier members by some inadvertence the name of the hon. member for Hastings-Peterborough (Mr. White) was not included. He is a returned man and while he was incapacitated I do not know whether he is a pensioner. I wonder if the minister would be good enough to add his name to the list of members. This addition would not alter the balance in any way.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I shall be glad to do that.

Mr. SPEAKER: The name of the hon. member for Hastings-Peterborough will be added to the list of members of the committee.

Motion as amended agreed to.