

do that it will not be possible for me to do before leaving, and the discussion of external affairs matters is one of them. Before I left to go overseas some time ago I arranged that the estimates for the Department of External Affairs should be placed before the committee dealing with external affairs. I understand the committee has had very full information given to its members with respect to the several items that come under the head of estimates, and which may be made to include, if so desired, pretty much all the subjects that are likely to come up for debate on the estimates of the Department of External Affairs. I should have liked very much to have the privilege of saying some things on external affairs that I have been anxious to say for some little time, but I am leaving on Wednesday of next week and I do not think in the interval I should break into the proceedings of the house in its debate on the budget in order to take up external affairs. Moreover, I cannot imagine anyone who is in a better position to discuss external affairs than my colleague the Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent), who will be acting minister in my absence.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I ask the Prime Minister, before he closes the door entirely to bringing the estimates of external affairs before the house, to reconsider the matter in the light of the present circumstances?

REPARATIONS

INTER-ALLIED AGENCY—CANADA'S REPRESENTATIVES —ALLOTMENTS TO CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister in his capacity as Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that news reports are reaching Canada relating to inter-allied reparations agency decisions, will the Prime Minister be good enough to inform the house who are Canada's representatives on this body, and what reparations from Germany in money or other property have been or are likely to be allocated to Canada?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In answer to my hon. friend's question, of which he sent me a copy, I would say the Canadian government is represented on the inter-allied reparations agency in Brussels by the Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium. The alternate Canadian delegate is Colonel G. W. McPherson, of the custodian's office, Department of the Secretary

of State, at present serving as custodian representative on the Canadian military mission to Germany.

According to the final act of the Paris conference on reparations, to which the Canadian government is a signatory, Canada has been allocated 3.5 per cent of German assets under category A and 1.5 per cent of German assets under category B of the Paris conference on reparations. Category B assets include German industrial and other capital equipment removed from Germany and merchant ships and inland water transport. Category A assets include all forms of German reparations except those under category B. German external assets held in custody by the member governments and in neutral countries are assets of this category.

The Canadian custodian holds German assets to the extent of \$6,485,204.26. Under the terms of the Paris agreement the Canadian government is authorized to hold or dispose of these assets, which are to be charged by the inter-allied reparations agency against the Canadian reparation account over a five year period.

From time to time lists of industrial equipment available for distribution as reparation to the member governments through inter-allied reparations agency are communicated to the Canadian government. Canada's share of assets of this kind is 1.5 per cent of the total available.

The inter-allied reparations agency has allocated most of the ex-German shipping available. Canada has been assigned 1.42 per cent of the tonnage amounting to some 10,797 tons made up of the ships *Huas Caran*, *Tiefland* and *Weservehr*.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question? How will the reparations which come to Canada, and to which the Prime Minister has referred, be distributed? What channels will be used for that purpose?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say to my hon. friend I am unable to answer him offhand but I shall seek to give him the answer in due course.

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DOMESTIC ALLOCATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CANNED SALMON

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. F. G. BRIDGES (Minister of Fisheries): For the information of the house and the public I would like to say that under plans which have now been worked out for the allocation of Canada's 1946 production of