

B. Testing out export types in districts not now growing tobacco commercially.

C. Publicity through exhibits, etc., to acquaint the British trade with the merits of Canadian leaf.

8. Introducing and acclimatizing superior varieties suitable to Canada and Canadian trade.

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C. Testing commonly used varieties and eliminating sorts of inferior commercial value, thus assisting in raising the types and standards of Canadian leaf.

D. Raising large quantities of high quality seed of approved types.

E. Cultural methods in the production of plants and growing the crop as a result of experimental work have materially changed and enormously improved in Ontario and Quebec.

F. Fertilizers. Results of experimental work on fertilization have given farmers reliable information on the proper mixtures and most economical application for different types and on different soils.

G. Experiments and demonstrations in the most efficient and economical handling of tobacco crops in suckering, topping, harvesting, curing, stripping, sorting and packing have had, and are having, a marked influence towards improving the quality of Canadian leaf for domestic and export purposes.

H. The tobacco division during the past nine years has repeatedly demonstrated on the British and other foreign markets the quality and types of leaf produced in Canada. This has had a marked effect in creating interest and confidence in Canadian leaf by British buyers and to no small extent has been responsible for the rapid growth in our export trade and still greater growth in the demand for Canadian tobacco, from other countries.

9. Of the countries importing tobacco the United Kingdom alone imports about 200,000,000 pounds of raw leaf annually. The British tariff gives colonial leaf a preference of 25 per cent of the import duty or approximately 50 cents per pound; hence the British market alone offers enormous possibilities.

OFFICIAL MOTOR CARS

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. J. W. EDWARDS (Frontenac-Addington): I would remind the government that some time ago I put on the order paper two questions, one relating to railway cars used by the various departments, and the other relating to official motor cars. I have received

an answer to the first question, but not to the second. I am very much interested in the kind of automobiles hon. gentlemen are using, and I hope the answer will be sent to me.

Hon. Mr. RINFRET: I will try to table the answer this afternoon.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

TORONTO OFFICE BUILDING

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest): May I ask the Minister of Railways when the Canadian National Railways will move into their new quarters at the corner of King and Yonge streets, Toronto?

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING (Minister of Railways): Mr. Speaker, I am not informed exactly as to the situation, but my impression is that a move is being made.

CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE

NEW SHIPS FOR WEST INDIES SERVICE

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. S. F. TOLMIE (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I understand it is the intention of the government to make some additions to the Canadian Merchant Marine in order to look after the West Indies trade. I should like to know if the ships will be built in Canada, and, if so, whether an effort will be made to divide the work between shipyards on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Hon. CHARLES A. DUNNING: Mr. Speaker, at the moment I do not think I can add anything to the statements made during the progress of the debate in that regard. I think my hon. friend will find a full discussion there.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

PORT OF TORONTO

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. E. B. RYCKMAN (East Toronto): Mr. Speaker, I ask the Prime Minister what the government proposes to do in view of the statement on the 12th inst., of Chief Commissioner Brown to Collector of Customs Bertram at Toronto, that the collector should enforce the customs regulations, and thereby put the port of Toronto "out of business" in two weeks' time.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I shall have to take time to read the hon. gentleman's question in order to get the significance of it, Mr. Speaker.