

Questions as Orders for Returns

2. What are the names and addresses of the respective purchasers and what were the purchase prices and other terms of sale in these cases?

Mr. McLARTY: Return tabled.

JAPANESE NATIONALS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. GREEN:

1. What persons of the Japanese race have been permitted to remain in the protected area in British Columbia?

2. For what reason was a permit granted to the respective persons so remaining and where do they reside at the present time?

LIFE INSURANCE—ENLISTMENT IN ARMED FORCES

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. Are life insurance companies, doing business in Canada, discontinuing the policies of individuals insured under group insurance plans, when such individuals secure leave-of-absence from their employment, in connection with which such group insurance was obtained, for the purpose of enlisting in the armed forces?

2. What steps has the government taken to prevent the above practice?

3. What steps has the government taken to protect the individuals affected by the said practice?

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION

Mr. BLACKMORE:

1. Of the 462 permanent positions established by the civil service commission for the unemployment insurance branch of the government service, how many have been allotted to each of the nine provinces, and how many have been filled in each of the provinces?

2. On what date or dates did the civil service commission hold competitive examinations to fill these positions, and was competition limited to those already in the civil service, or were the examinations conducted in the public interest with any and all who desired to compete, being eligible to do so?

3. Were any members of the staff of the former director of registration, national employment commission (Purvis commission), Jackson building, and of the director of national registration, 193 Sparks street, Ottawa, blanketed into the unemployment insurance branch of government service?

4. If so, how many, what are their names, previous classification and duties, and present classification and duties, previous salary or salaries, and present salary or salaries?

5. What is the name and present position of the former director of registration, national employment commission (Purvis commission), and of the director of national registration, 193 Sparks street, Ottawa? What was his salary in 1937, and what is it now?

[Mr. Green.]

AWARDS UNDER EXCHEQUER COURT ACT

Mr. MARSHALL:

What awards were made under the Exchequer Court Act, R.S., c. 34, in the year 1942?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I should like to have this made an order for return; and perhaps the hon. member would give me a little more precise information as to what he requires. The question is in very broad terms.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

REPLACEMENT OF CANADIANS EMPLOYED IN CANADA ON UNITED STATES PROJECTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. GROTE STIRLING (Yale): In the absence of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell) may I ask the government whether the statement is true that a thousand Canadians now employed by United States firms on northern war projects will gradually be replaced by United States citizens?

Mr. RALSTON: I will refer the question to the Minister of Labour.

CANADIAN CAR MUNITIONS PLANT, CHERRIER, QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. SASSEVILLE ROY (Gaspé): I wish to direct three questions to the government in connection with the strike of employees at the plant at Cherrier, in the province of Quebec. The questions are: First, what steps have been taken by the government to settle that strike? Second, what are the means in the hands of the government or what is its policy in the effort to prevent strikes such as have occurred throughout Canada since the beginning of the war? Third, does the government think that such factors as wages being frozen at too low a level, or heavy income tax deductions from the workers' pay, or rationing and so forth, have anything to do with these strikes?

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. gentleman has asked three questions. In the first question, as I gathered it from him, there was a degree of urgency. With regard to the other two, certainly they should be placed on the order paper. If the minister so wishes he can reply to the first question.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): Certain employees did