

Questions

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 111, for the relief of Gertrude Mantha Hore.—Mr. Fulford.

Bill No. 112, for the relief of Claire MacLaren Hunter Barlow.—Mr. Ross (St. Paul's).

Bill No. 113, for the relief of Mary Constance Helena Keys Bates.—Mr. Claxton.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

SUGAR FOR CANNING PURPOSES

Mr. CRUICKSHANK:

1. What amount of sugar for canning purposes has been allotted per individual in each rural and urban ration centre in Canada?

2. What was the average amount of sugar used per housewife for canning purposes in each of the years 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942?

3. Upon whose advice was the amount set in rationing of sugar for canning purposes in rural and urban districts this year?

4. What experience has such person or persons in practical canning?

5. Were women's organizations consulted? If so, which of them?

Mr. ABBOTT:

1. Sugar for canning purposes was allotted to the various local ration boards on the basis of 11·34 pounds per applicant.

2. The average amount of sugar used per housewife for canning purposes in 1939, 1940 and 1941 is not available. According to statistics prepared by the ration administration, 106,179,000 pounds were used for home canning purposes during 1942.

3. The home canning programme was decided upon after discussions between the sugar administration, the foods administration, the consumer branch, the ration administration of the wartime prices and trade board and the Department of Agriculture.

4. The questions to be decided related to sugar distribution and the mechanics of rationing, rather than the method of canning.

5. The foods administration, the ration administration, the consumer branch of the wartime prices and trade board and the consumer branch of the Department of Agriculture each had a woman representative attending these discussions.

YOUNGSTOWN, ALTA., DEFENCE PROJECT

Mr. QUELCH:

1. What is the purpose of the proposed defence project immediately north of Youngstown in Alberta?

2. How much land does it embrace?

3. How many farmers were situated in this area?

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4. Have any farmers been moved out?
5. Has it been decided to abandon this project?

Mr. MACMILLAN:

1. An explosives depot.

2. It would have embraced 11,840 acres.

3. No resident farmers situated at site selected.

4. No. Farmers only held leases and grazing permits. Other owners not resident on land.

5. Yes.

R.C.A.F.—ENLISTMENTS—NURSING SISTERS

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury):

1. What is the distribution of Royal Canadian Air Force enlistments and appointments by provinces from October 1, 1939, to May 31, 1943?

2. How many of said enlistments and appointments are nursing sisters, and how many nursing sisters are there in each province?

3. Do the figures include the overseas enlistments?

4. What is the basis of transformation of enlistments?

Mr. MACMILLAN:

1. Distribution of R.C.A.F. enlistments and appointments by provinces as at 31st May, 1943:—

Province	Number
Prince Edward Island	1,407
Nova Scotia	6,216
New Brunswick	5,468
Quebec	22,554
Ontario	76,209
Manitoba	17,642
Saskatchewan	18,289
Alberta	16,691
British Columbia	18,806

Total 183,282

2. 286 nursing sisters distributed by provinces as follows:—

Province	Number
Prince Edward Island	3
Nova Scotia	12
New Brunswick	11
Quebec	23
Ontario	104
Manitoba	42
Saskatchewan	29
Alberta	41
British Columbia	21

Total 286

3. No.

4. Transformation of enlistments by recruiting centres into enlistments by provinces is based on 80 per cent sample of R.C.A.F. strength as at the end of 1942. In other words, enlistments in the first five (5) months of