

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, February 27, 1941.

The house met at three o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE—INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS PAID TO NON-RESIDENTS

Mr. HARRIS (Danforth):

What amount of United States exchange was provided by Canada in each of the years 1938, 1939 and 1940 for the payment of—(a) interest on investments in Canada held by investors outside of Canada; (b) dividends earned in Canada and paid to non-residents?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

(a) Interest payments in terms of Canadian dollars on Canadian bonds and debentures held by non-residents:

Total to non-residents—1938, \$139 million; 1939, \$136 million; 1940, not yet available.

To residents of the United States—1938, \$84 million; 1939, \$84 million; 1940, not yet available.

(b) Dividend payments in terms of Canadian dollars paid to non-residents by Canadian companies:

Total to non-residents—1938, \$176 million; 1939, \$174 million; 1940, not yet available.

To residents of the United States—1938, \$141 million; 1939, \$138 million; 1940, not yet available.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES—PURCHASE OF AEROPLANES

Mr. JACKMAN:

1. How many aeroplanes have been added to the Trans-Canada Air Lines since December 31, 1939?

2. What was the total cost?

3. Where were they purchased?

4. How many of the aeroplanes were airliners?

Mr. HOWE:

1. Six.

2. Total cost, including radio, \$925,316.85, of which sum \$260,398.62 represents duty and sales tax paid to the Canadian government.

3. United States.

4. All six are Lockheed "Lodestar" 14-passenger transport aeroplanes.

RENTAL OF PROPERTY IN SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Mr. HAZEN:

1. Has the government rented the Golden Ball Garage on the corner of Union and Sydney streets in the city of Saint John?

2. If so, from whom was it rented?

3. (a) Did it rent the whole building? (b) If not, how much of it?

4. For how long a period?

5. What rent does it pay?

Mr. RALSTON:

1. A portion of the building has been occupied for the purpose of ordnance services and the terms of occupancy are under negotiation.

2. See answer to No. 1. General Realty Co., Ltd., Saint John, N.B., are understood to be the owners.

3. See answer to No. 1. The portion occupied is four floors, comprising 55,000 sq. ft.

4. See answer to No. 1. The period for which required will probably be six months.

5. See answer to No. 1.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—SELECTION BOARDS

Mr. COCKERAM:

1. Who are the members of the Senior Selection Board of the Department of National Defence?

2. Who are the members of the Junior Selection Board of the Department of National Defence?

3. What are their qualifications for this important position?

4. Have they the power to override recommendations made by district officers commanding?

Mr. RALSTON:

1. The Chief of the General Staff, the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, the Master-General of Ordnance.

2. The Director of Staff Duties, the Director of Military Training, the Director of Personal Services, the Director of Organization.