

He also presented,—Return to an Order of the House of March 26, 1945, for a Return showing:—During each of the fiscal years 1930-31 to 1943-44 inclusive, what amount of (a) principal; (b) interest, was collected from Soldier Settlers under the Soldier Settlement Board (Civilian Settlers excluded)?

Mr. Gibson, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement concerning retirements, promotions, etc., in the Royal Canadian Air Force of those with the rank of Air Vice-Marshal or higher since January 1, 1943.

Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of March 26, 1945, for a copy of all letters, telegrams, petitions, briefs or other communications received by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Minister of Mines and Resources, the Director of Soldier Settlement and the Veterans Land Act or any other Department of Government in connection with the request of the Soldier Settlers Association of Canada that Veterans of Great War I, holding contracts with the Soldier Settlement Board at March 31, 1944, be granted clear titles without making further payments after that date.

Also,—Return to an Order of the House of April 4, 1945, for a Return showing:—

1. Does the rule for members of the forces, that they must not write to the newspapers or speak at public meetings apply (a) to press liaison officers; (b) to public relations officers and publicity department officers of all classes?

2. Do these various officials wear uniforms; are they part of the military establishment and, if so, what rank?

3. What are their travelling, hotel and all other expenses and allowances since the war started?

4. What officers or officials in No. 2 district have delivered public speeches in Toronto offending the said city, and what are their salaries, emoluments and travelling expenses since the war started?

And also,—Return to an Order of the House of April 9, 1945, for a Return showing:—

1. How many Home Defence Troops who were in Canada on February 28, 1945, were in (a) operational units; (b) non-operational units; (c) in training?

2. How many Home Defence Troops volunteered for active service in each of the months of January, February and March, 1945?

3. How many of the Home Defence Troops are on extended leave from depots and in particular (a) by province; (b) by military districts?

4. How many Home Defence Troops ordered overseas or to some other part of Canada or who have been on leave, failed to report in each of the months, November, December, 1944, and January, February and March, 1945; (a) by provinces; (b) by military districts?

5. How many of these men have been apprehended in each of the five months?

6. How many have been prosecuted, and are such men punished for being absent without leave or as deserters?

7. How many in each province?