

Questions as Orders for Returns

such as the Old Age Pension Act: (a) by the Quebec government and their counsel in the Quebec legislature; (b) also the same question being raised in the international and industrial relations committee of this house,—

Will the government, in order to afford a solution of these questions, consider the policy of securing a definite decision under the statutes in that behalf from the Supreme Court of Canada on a reference of the following questions dealing with social legislation and reported on by the industrial relations committee to the house in sessions 1924-28: (a) old age pensions and the right of the federal authority to vote funds under section of British North America Act 1867, relating to public debt and property; (b) unemployment; (c) sickness and unemployment insurance; (d) family allowances; (e) radio; (f) hospitals and aid towards relief of disease?

RECOVERY OF UNPAID DUTIES AND TAXES

Mr. MAYBEE:

1. Having reference to the report of the special committee investigating the Customs department, 1926, and of the report of the royal commission investigating the Customs department, 1926 and 1927, how many actions have been taken or claims made to date: (a) through the courts; (b) through the ordinary channels of the department, against persons or corporations for the recovery of customs duties, excise duties, sales tax or other amounts claimed by the department to be due and unpaid?

2. What is the total amount, if any, which has been recovered during the years 1926, 1927, and 1928?

3. What amount is still being claimed by the department against persons or corporations and remaining unpaid?

CIVIL SERVICE—EMPLOYEES OVER SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE

Mr. PARENT:

1. Are there any persons who have passed the age of seventy years and who are still employees of the government?

2. If so, what are their names and what situation does each occupy?

TRANSLATION OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Mr. PARENT:

1. Has the publication of pamphlet entitled "Division of Botany", by H. T. Güssow, been translated into the French language and printed for distribution?

2. If so, when?

3. If not, why?

4. How many publications in pamphlet forms have been published since 1927 in the English language only, giving: (a) the date of each publication and the department responsible for same; (b) the authority of parliament authorizing such publication?

EGG STATISTICS

Mr. LADNER:

1. What was the total production of hens' eggs, by the dozen, in Canada, during the calendar years 1927 and 1928?

2. What was the production of hens' eggs, by provinces, during each of the calendar years 1927 and 1928?

3. How many dozen of hens' eggs were imported into Canada during each of the calendar years 1927 and 1928, and what quantity from each country?

4. What were the imports of frozen or canned eggs into Canada during each of the calendar years 1927 and 1928, and what quantity from each country?

5. What were the exports of hens' eggs, by dozens, during each of the calendar years 1927 and 1928, showing: (a) the countries of destination; (b) the province of export?

6. Is it the intention of the government to apply a special seasonable duty or make a special valuation for duty purposes?

7. Is the government aware of any intention or proposal on the part of the United States to raise the duty on hens' eggs entering that country?

8. If so, is it the intention of the government to alter our duties?

PERMANENT MILITIA FORCE

Mr. ROSS (Kingston):

1. How many men have been enlisted in each of the permanent units of the Canadian forces and discharged before termination of agreement during the years 1927 and 1928?

2. What were the causes for such termination of agreement?

3. Were any allowances granted for such termination of agreement?

Mr. RALSTON: Return tabled herewith:

1. In 1927, 483; in 1928, 560.

2. As shown on attached statement.

3. The regulations do not provide for any such allowance.