

## Questions

the matter of public expenditure. There is a great deal taking place across this country to-day in which the public is very much interested, and we are not doing our duty if we do not set up proper terms of reference under which these matters may be investigated at this time.

Motion agreed to.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

## After Recess

The house resumed at 8 o'clock.

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD—BROCKVILLE  
DISTRICT PROSECUTIONS

Mr. MCGREGOR:

1. How many prosecutions have been instituted by the wartime prices and trade board district headquarters at Brockville?

2. What are the names of the parties representing the crown at these prosecutions?

3. How much money has been paid to each of the said parties?

4. How are said parties chosen?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Prosecutions of seventy persons for alleged contraventions of regulations of the wartime prices and trade board were conducted in the area served by that board's regional office at Brockville, to the end of January, 1943.

2 and 3. Names of counsel who acted as agents of the Minister of Justice and payments to each with respect to these prosecutions.

A. B. Collins K.C., \$50.50; Rodolphe Danis, K.C., \$31.61; R. A. Downing, \$226.25; W. O. Dwyer, \$77; L. V. Fitzpatrick, K.C., \$40; Arthur Flynn, account not yet rendered; J. S. Latchford, \$30; J. R. Maclaren, K.C., \$200; Henri Proulx, \$100; T. J. Rigney, K.C., account not yet rendered; S. G. Robertson, \$246.95; G. F. Smith, \$63.90.

4. Chosen by the Department of Justice.

FORT NORMAN, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES,  
OIL AREA

Mr. WRIGHT:

1. Is the dominion government doing any exploration, drilling, construction work, etc., in the Fort Norman area in the Northwest Territories with respect to the oil development there?

2. To what private company or companies have oil leases in this area been granted?

3. What is the total number of wells drilled in this area?

[Mr. J. A. Ross.]

4. What was the 1942 production from these wells?

5. To what private company or companies has permission been granted for the construction of pipe lines from this area?

6. Is the construction of a highway from this area to Alaska proposed?

Mr. WRIGHT: I ask that this question be dropped.

Question dropped.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAR FERRY SERVICE

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

1. At what exact time did the ferry steamship *Charlottetown* strike a shoal and become damaged?

2. At what exact time did she sink?

3. Was Captain John Lefurgy Read the master in charge?

4. Did Mr. Justice Archibald in his findings dated February 25, 1942, find that Captain Read, the master, (a) did not choose a proper and safe course; (b) that his navigation was faulty and improper; (c) that he did not take the necessary and proper and adequate measures after the striking to ensure the safety of the vessel and to obtain assistance?

5. What salary and other allowances were paid to Captain Read, the master?

6. At what date did the payment of salary and allowances terminate? Was he dismissed from the service?

7. Is Captain Read paid a retiring allowance or superannuation and, if so, what amount per year and from what date did payment commence?

Mr. MICHAUD:

1. Approximately 10.54 a.m., June 17, 1941.

2. 7.07 p.m., June 18, 1941.

3. Yes.

4. (a) Yes; (b) Yes; (c) Yes.

5. It has never been the policy of the Canadian National Railways to publicly disclose the salaries of officers of the company.

6. Salary terminated February 25, 1942. No.

7. Captain Read was a contributor to the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railways employees provident fund, and under the rules of the fund he was entitled to a retiring allowance of \$135.54 per month which commenced September 1, 1942.

Mr. MACMILLAN:

What steps are being taken, (a) to improve the facilities of the Borden-Tormentine car ferry service, which has been curtailed by the sinking of the ss. *Charlottetown*, (b) to arrange for the replacement of the ss. *Charlottetown*?

Mr. MICHAUD:

(a) Immediately following the loss of the ss. *Charlottetown* extensive enquiries were made over the whole of North America to ascertain