

whole city of Hull. It partly destroyed the interprovincial bridge. There are oil tanks on adjacent property. If the fire had spread to them they might have exploded, and the wind could easily have carried the flames to the houses of parliament and other government buildings on this side of the Ottawa river.

The significance of Friday night's conflagration should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Some years ago a fire on the opposite side of the river destroyed much of the city of Hull and seriously menaced this city of Ottawa. If plans for a capital worthy of Canada are to go forward successfully, there must be both a restraint on the use of property by firms and individuals, and a directed effort by the government to hold desirable properties for their best use in accordance with a general plan for the capital and district.

Mr. MacNICOL: That is what the United States government does along the Potomac.

VETERANS LAND ACT—DURHAM COUNTY

Mr. STEPHENSON:

1. How many farms have been purchased in Durham county under the Veterans Land Act?
2. Where are these farms located and from whom were they purchased?
3. What acreage is in each farm and what was the price paid for each?
4. Has an inspector reported on the quality of the land and the buildings on each farm?
5. Have the farms previously owned by Mr. Millson and Mr. Yellowlees, north of Bowmanville, been purchased by the Veterans Department?

Mr. MACKENZIE:

1. 2. 3. and 5. Farms purchased in Durham county as per Head Office Records, March 30th, 1946.

Vendor	Land Description	Acreage	Price
Hoey, Herman	Lots 4 and 5, Con. 5, Cartwright twp.	160	\$4,200.00
Mountjoy, Mildred	E.½ Lot 23, Con. 5, Cartwright twp.	100	4,800.00
H. F. and R. C. A. Waddell Assets Ltd.	W.½ Lot 21, Con. 13, Cavan twp.	100	3,620.00
Moore, E. Lloyd	E. Pt. of N.½ Lot 3, Con. 1, Clarke twp.	80	3,500.00
Stewart, Harold	N.½ Lot 6, Con. 3, Clarke twp.	100	3,400.00
Lewko, Wm.	South Pt. Lot 9, Con. 6, Clarke twp.	40	3,300.00
Robinson, Milton	Pt. Lot 8, Con. 8, Clarke twp.	100	4,000.00
Trull, Fred W.	S.½ Lot 28, Con. 8, Clarke twp.	120	4,600.00
Yellowlees, N. C.	Pt. Lot 28, Con. 6, Darlington twp.	70	4,800.00
Millson, Arthur	N.W. Parts Lots 29 and 30, Con. 6, Darlington twp. ..	120	8,500.00
Hoskin, Glen J.	Pt. E.½ Lot 11, Con. 8, Darlington twp.	45	3,000.00

4. Yes.

NATIONAL DEBT

Mr. FAIR:

1. What was the gross national debt of Canada at the end of each of the fiscal years: 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46?
2. What is the amount of (a) accrued interest; (b) other related commissions and charges, at the end of each of the above years?
3. What percentage of the total national revenue of each of the above years was required to pay the interest, commissions and charges above?
4. What provision has been made to satisfy the above indebtedness?
5. If present monetary policy is continued, can our national debt ever be repaid? If so, how long will it take?

Mr. MAYHEW:

1.

Fiscal Year Ended	Total Liabilities
March 31, 1943	\$ 9,228,252,012 03
1944	12,359,123,230 16
1945	15,712,181,527 26
1946	Not yet available.

2. While the question asks "what is the amount of (a) accrued interest; (b) other related commissions and charges, at the end of each of the above years", the question is answered on the basis of the annual expenditures during the years in question.

Question 3 indicates that the questioner desired the annual expenditures rather than the amount due and unpaid at the fiscal year-end.

Fiscal Year Ended	Interest on Public Debt	Other Debt Charges
Mar. 31, 1943 ...	\$ 188,556,249	\$ 13,992,646
1944 ...	242,681,180	19,457,839
1945 ...	318,994,821	20,851,591
1946 ...	Not yet available.	

3.

Fiscal Year Ended	Percentage Debt Charges to Total Revenue
March 31, 1943 ...	9.00
1944 ...	9.48
1945 ...	12.65
1946 ...	Not yet available.