

Questions

Questions 1 and 3 have to do with the total cost of the reference to the federal government. The accounts have not yet been received. I should like that part of the question to be passed as an order for return. The return will be brought down as soon as the accounts have been received and the amounts thereof determined.

Mr. SPEAKER: Passed as an order for a return so far as questions 1 and 3 are concerned.

SUPPLY OF SEED OATS TO NORTHERN
SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA

Mrs. NIELSEN:

Have any arrangements been made, and facilities arranged, for the supply of seed oats to northern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, where oats were frozen last fall, in readiness for seeding operations this spring?

Mr. GARDINER: This is a matter concerning the provincial government, and I understand it is receiving their consideration.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. SENN:

1. Has a food requirements committee been appointed?
2. If so, when?
3. Who are the members of such committee and who are the chairman and secretary thereof?
4. What is the ordinary occupation of each such member?
5. What are the duties of this committee?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. Yes.
2. October 22, 1942.
3. The order in council P.C. 9692 directs that the committee should consist of representatives of the following departments and bodies: Department of Agriculture; Department of External Affairs; Department of Finance; Department of Fisheries; Department of Trade and Commerce; Wartime Prices and Trade Board; to which has since been added the Department of Pensions and National Health.

The present membership is as follows:

Dr. G. S. H. Barton—Deputy Minister of Agriculture,

Mr. Hume Wrong—Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,

Dr. W. A. Mackintosh—Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Finance,

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

Mr. H. F. Angus—Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Dr. D. B. Finn—Deputy Minister of Fisheries,

Mr. Oliver Master—Acting Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce,

Mr. K. W. Taylor—Secretary of Wartime Prices and Trade Board,

Dr. L. B. Pett—Director of Nutrition Services, Department of Pensions and National Health.

The committee has chosen as chairman Mr. H. F. Angus, and has appointed as secretary Dr. C. F. Wilson.

4. Answered in number 3.

5. The duties of this committee are to:

(a) supervise the preparation of information on Canada's food position which the committee may desire to furnish to the Combined Food Board or other bodies;

(b) consider matters affecting food supply referred to it by the governor in council, by cabinet war committee, or by any of the departments and agencies of government;

(c) make reports to the proper authorities on questions of policy arising out of the need for coordination of Canada's undertakings to export foods to the United Kingdom and other united nations with the price ceiling, the essential requirements of foods for domestic consumption and other factors which must be taken into account to ensure a balanced war effort;

(d) submit recommendations to the proper authorities with respect to all matters of policy concerning embargoes or other restrictions on exports or imports of foodstuffs and concerning all proposed agreements concerning external trade in food.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES BY
PROVINCES

Mr. HANSELL:

1. How much has been spent in each province for each of the crop years 1936 to 1942 inclusive on account of (a) prairie farms administration drought bonuses, (b) prairie farms income bonuses, (c) wheat acreage reduction bonuses?

2. How much of these amounts has been paid in each of the provinces, (a) to farmers or other applicants, (b) for administration?

3. Out of what fund or account is this money spent?