

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Monday, April 14, 1947

The house met at three o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

HOUSING—VETERANS LAND ACT—WELCOME, ONT.

Mr. STEPHENSON:

1. What date was land purchased at Welcome, Ontario, to build houses under the V.L.A.?
2. When were these houses started?
3. When will these houses be completed?
4. Were any night watchmen or guards employed on this project?
5. If so, for what length of time and what has been the remuneration paid up to date or expected to be paid by the time houses are completed?

Mr. MACKENZIE:

1. June 20, 1945.
2. November 12, 1945.
3. During the week commencing March 30.
4. Yes.
5. November 12, 1945 to March 31, 1947; \$2,637.39. Watchman service is employed at prevailing rates; in this locality, \$36 per week. Prolonged delays in well drilling at this project contributed to the relatively high cost.

HOUSING—VETERANS LAND ACT— BOWMANVILLE AREA

Mr. STEPHENSON:

1. How much land was bought in connection with building veterans' houses under V.L.A. east of Bowmanville on No. 2 highway?
2. How many are under construction?
3. How many have been completed?
4. If any have been completed, are they occupied as yet? If so, on what terms were they sold or rented?
5. What will be the cost to the government of each house when completed?
6. What will be the cost of the whole project, land and houses, when completed?

Mr. MACKENZIE:

1. 12 acres.
2. None.

3. Four.

4. Two occupied. One applied for. Sale terms: \$600 down; balance less conditional grant of \$1,400 amortized over a period of not more than 25 years, with interest at 3½ per cent.

5. Cost to the government for house construction only: Humphrys 1, \$5,550; Humphrys 2, \$5,432; Humphrys 3, \$5,290; Humphrys 4, \$5,144.

6. Total cost of project including houses, land, water, roads, driveways, landscaping, and a contingency of \$100 per house: \$27,685.75.

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE—INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TESTING LOYALTY

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North):

1. Is there an interdepartmental government committee studying methods for the testing of national loyalty of prospective candidates for dominion public service?
2. If not, is there a committee which has as its objective or part of an objective a purpose similar to the above?
3. Who are the members of this committee?
4. What are the criteria for testing loyalty?
5. Has this committee made any report or reports?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: As was indicated to the House of Commons by the Prime Minister on February 10 last, in reply to a question by the hon. member for Wellington North (*Hansard*, page 247), interdepartmental committees are established by the government from time to time as a means of facilitating the despatch of public business. The reports which they make to the government from time to time are confidential and the government itself accepts full responsibility for whatever action may be taken as a result of advice received from such committees.

Among these, at the present time, is a standing interdepartmental panel on security, composed of officials from the departments and agencies of government from time to time concerned. The function of this panel is to advise on the coordination of the planning, organization and execution of security meas-