

And also,—Return to an Order of the House of December 5, 1940, for a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the Government, or any department thereof, and any railway companies regarding the marked weight of cars of coal and the inspection of same, and also a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents regarding the complaints received concerning the weights to retail dealers of coal, from January 1, 1935, to date.

Mr. Ilsley, a Member of the King's Privy Council, delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

ATHLONE:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending on the 31st March, 1942, and, in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," the Governor General recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, February 17, 1941.

On motion of Mr. Ilsley, the said Message and Estimates were referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That on and after Monday, the 17th February, to the end of the present session, government notices of motions and government orders shall have precedence at every sitting over all other business except introduction of bills, questions by members and notices of motions for the production of papers.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Black (Yukon), by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 10, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. MacNicol, seconded by Mr. Bradette, moved for leave to introduce a Bill, No. 11, An Act respecting National Bird Day.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The following Questions on the Order Paper were passed by the House as Orders for Return, under subsection 4 of Standing Order 44, and Orders of the House were issued to the proper officers accordingly, viz:—

By Mr. MacInnis:—1. How many licences have been applied for to export minerals to Japan from October 1, 1939, to date?

2. How many licences have been granted for the same period?

3. How many licences have been refused?

4. How many licences are still under consideration?

5. How many such licences have been applied for and approved since October 1, 1940, to date?