

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 11, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

PRIVILEGE

MR. POULIOT—REFERENCE TO USE OF THE WORD "TORY"

Mr. Jean-François Pouliot (Temiscouata): Mr. Speaker, since yesterday afternoon I have been rather remorseful, and I wonder if I have not been unfair to the hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton), who is one of our genial colleagues, an able lawyer and a brilliant debater. We have to live together, work together and suffer together, and it is impossible for members of parliament not to observe the amenities when life is spent together. For my own punishment, I have decided not to mention a word which belongs to the king's English and is highly parliamentary. I shall not use the word "Tory" for a month.

Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I can only say that the testimonial from the hon. member is highly appreciated, but was entirely unsolicited. Since, however, he has imposed this penance upon himself, I shall reciprocate by refraining for a month from using the word "Grit".

Mr. Pouliot: I did it just to clear my conscience.

QUESTIONS

ARMED FORCES PENSIONERS—R.M.C. GRADUATES

Mr. Noseworthy:

How many of the 145 pensioners who were serving in the regular forces before June 1, 1944, and have been released since September 1946, with less than 20 years' service, were graduates of the Royal Military College?

Mr. Blancheffe: According to the records available in the Department of National Defence, 6 of the 145 pensioners referred to are graduates of the Royal Military College, that is approximately 5 per cent, whereas the number of graduates of the Royal Military College serving as officers in the Canadian army in 1944 was 961, that is approximately 2.07 per cent of the total of 34,638.

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CANADIAN ARSENAL, LINDSAY

Mr. Hodgson:

1. How many people are employed at present at the Canadian arsenal in Lindsay, Ontario?
2. How many employees were on the payroll in September 1951, September 1952, September 1953?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):

1. 570.
2. September 1951, 506; September 1952, 692; September 1953, 588.

TOMATO PULP—IMPORTS FROM ITALY

Mr. Lennard:

How many pounds of tomato pulp or paste were imported into Canada from Italy in the year 1953?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): Tomato pulp or paste is not separately classified and there are no records that would show the separate importations of this commodity.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Mr. Kirk (Antigonish-Guysborough):

What was the population of sheep and lambs (a) in Canada; (b) in Nova Scotia, during each of the years 1938 to 1953, both inclusive?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): The number of sheep and lambs in Nova Scotia and Canada as at June 1, 1938-1953 were as follows:

	Nova Scotia	Canada
June 1, 1938	145,500	3,046,800
June 1, 1939	142,900	2,911,400
June 1, 1940	142,600	2,886,600
June 1, 1941	138,200	2,840,100
June 1, 1942	149,000	3,196,900
June 1, 1943	161,600	3,458,600
June 1, 1944	161,300	3,725,500
June 1, 1945	160,200	3,621,800
June 1, 1946	154,200	2,941,500
June 1, 1947	138,000	2,706,900
June 1, 1948	130,700	2,246,800
June 1, 1949	123,300	2,075,400
June 1, 1950	131,600	2,015,000
June 1, 1951	95,400	1,461,200
June 1, 1952	83,700	1,588,200
June 1, 1953	95,000	1,721,300

NOTE: The estimates for 1942 to 1950 inclusive are currently being revised in line with census data for 1941 and 1951.