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HOUSE DIGEST

QUESTIONS:

Q: Mr. Graydon

Mr. Michaud expected that the annual report of the C.N.R. would be tabled about March 25th.

Q: G. H. Castleden (CCF) Yorkton

Mr. Mitchell said that complaints of the continued drafting of farm labour in Saskatchewan had, in many cases, been lodged in advance of the Draft Board's decision. The Associate Director of Selective Service (Military) was now in the West conferring with mobilization boards.

Q: J. S. Roy (I) Gaspe

Mr. Ilsley said it was not administratively possible to grant larger butter rations to men carrying their lunch to work.

Q: Hon. R. B. Hanson

Mr. Mitchell regretted that draft notices were still occasionally sent to men who had already volunteered, but every effort was made to avoid these slips.

BUDGET DEBATE:

Thinks Price
Controls Too
Autocratic

T. L. Church (C) Broadview thought the Budget took too much from income and not enough from capital; thought the war was being fought to make the world safe for bureaucracy; charged that there was too much autocratic control by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and suggested that, under wartime controls, Canada was becoming a nation of auditors.

Predicts Resort to Bank of Canada
Credit

T. Reid (L) New Westminster was glad the Government recognized the danger of borrowing from the chartered banks; predicted that it might yet have to resort to direct financing through the Bank of Canada.

Said he encountered a growing objection in the country to the regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Objected to the premium on U.S. exchange and estimated that it had cost the Canadian people \$150-million since 1939.