

Questions

1833, and the Judicial Committee Act, 1844. Both these acts are proposed to be repealed by this bill. The act of 1833 recites that:

... from the decisions of various courts of judicature in the East Indies and in the plantations, colonies and other dominions of His Majesty abroad, an appeal lies to His Majesty in council.

And proceeds to regulate the manner of such appeal. The act of 1844 recites that:

... the judicial committee, acting under the authority of said acts (the act of 1833 and an amending act) hath been found to answer well the purposes for which it was so established by parliament, but it is found necessary to improve its proceedings in some respects for the better dispatch of business and expedient also to extend its jurisdiction and powers.

The first section of the act of 1844 enacts that it shall be competent to Her Majesty by general or special order in council to:

... provide for the admission of any appeal or appeals to her majesty in council from any judgments, sentences, decrees or orders of any court of justice within any British colony or possession abroad.

This bill is in accordance with the decisions of the privy council here referred to, which themselves were based on the provisions of the Statute of Westminster, 1931.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

REPATRIATION OF CANADIANS FROM JAPAN

Mr. BLACK (Yukon):

What public moneys have been expended or advanced to repatriate Canadian civilians from Japanese prison and concentration camps?

Mr. GLEN: The actual amount expended to date by the immigration branch in payment of accounts received is \$73,780.04.

"HOUSING PROGRESS ABROAD", BI-MONTHLY REVIEW

Mr. FRASER:

1. How many copies of each issue of Housing Progress Abroad, Bi-monthly Review, are printed and issued by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation?

2. How many people are employed to compile and edit this review?

3. What is the total monthly salaries, or wages, of the above employees?

4. What is the total cost of printing and mimeographing this review?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. During 1946 five issues of "Housing Progress Abroad" were mimeographed (March

[Mr. Jaenicke.]

1. May 1, July 15, September 10 and November 7) averaging three hundred copies per issue.

2. One person was employed to compile and edit this review with part time assistance from other employees.

3. As nearly as can be estimated the total monthly salaries paid to compile and edit the review would not exceed \$200.

4. \$312.50 for 1946. This amount is made up of the cost of paper, stencilling and mimeographing.

WAR ASSETS—WOMEN'S SHOES AND SOCKS

Mr. FRASER:

1. Did war assets corporation, eastern division, receive within the last two months, about 5,000 pairs of women's white socks and about 15,000 pairs of women's oxford shoes?

2. If so, from what branch of the armed services were these received?

3. Will these socks and oxfords be sold by auction or through the firms that manufactured same?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. No. The eastern division (maritime region) of War Assets Corporation, during the last two months, received, on national distribution, no women's white socks and only 2,553 pairs of women's oxford shoes.

2. Department of National Defence (Army).

3. No. They will be sold to jobbers, wholesalers, and direct buying retailers.

PEACE TREATIES

Mr. PROBE:

1. With what enemy countries during world war two has Canada signed peace treaties to date?

2. Will these treaties be presented to parliament for ratification? If so, when?

Mr. ST. LAURENT:

1. Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland.

2. It is anticipated that the treaties will be presented to parliament for approval at an early date, dependent on progress made with urgent legislation which must be given priority.

WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

Mr. WINTERS:

1. Where are the headquarters of the West Nova Scotia Regiment?

2. For military purposes, is Halifax considered to be in the west Nova Scotia area?

3. Who is the commanding officer of the West Nova Scotia Regiment, when was he appointed, and where does he live?