

(i) Two buildings, to Shell Oil Company of Canada Limited for \$670.

Note: The buildings described in 2(a), (d), (e), (g), (h) and (i) above were sold for removal from their present sites with the condition that the purchasers restore the land to its original condition.

INCOME WAR TAX ACT—UNIFORMITY OF PROVISIONS—EXCHANGES OF STAFFS

Mr. WINKLER:

1. What action has the government taken to ensure uniformity of application of the provisions of the Income War Tax Act as these affect the farmers of the different provinces?

2. Does any exchange of staff take place between the Manitoba office and the Ontario and Quebec offices?

Mr. McCANN:

1. Meetings of the staff have taken place from time to time at which the various problems and matters of interpretation have been reviewed with a view to achieving uniformity. Further meetings will be held in the near future.

2. Occasional exchanges have taken place in the past. These will be more frequent in the future, especially when housing conditions improve.

PARI-MUTUEL TAX

Mr. MacNAUGHT:

What amount was collected by the government from pari-mutuel tax since the inception of the tax by (a) provinces; (b) years?

Mr. McCANN:

EXCISE DIVISION.

Statement showing the amount collected by the government from pari-mutuel tax since the inception of the tax by (A) provinces (B) years.

(A)	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	Totals
Nova Scotia.....	\$ 1,853.40	\$ 4,384.66	\$ 7,271.32	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 15,869.55	\$ 20,286.80	\$ 59,650.73
Prince Edward Island.....	3,029.90	3,776.70	6,007.00	8,655.50	12,479.90	14,269.10	48,218.10
New Brunswick.....	.....	78.20	279.20	1,430.40	4,407.95	6,180.70	12,376.45
Quebec.....	48,590.35	49,902.85	80,405.40	93,442.75	104,856.30	68,510.90	445,708.55
Ontario.....	705,450.76	872,044.62	1,087,860.01	1,171,727.34	1,343,884.29	1,587,652.17	6,768,619.19
Manitoba.....	104,668.30	119,964.80	159,890.45	173,787.55	193,964.30	225,479.65	977,755.05
Saskatchewan.....	21,300.75	19,487.75	22,068.45	30,347.45	36,054.35	41,865.62	171,124.37
Alberta.....	46,017.80	36,394.40	38,422.20	106,277.65	133,485.55	161,277.35	521,874.95
British Columbia.....	150,896.75	181,297.15	280,341.30	308,440.85	342,966.70	384,689.60	1,648,632.35
Yukon Territory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(B)							
Totals.....	\$1,081,808.01	\$1,287,331.13	\$1,682,545.33	\$1,904,094.49	\$2,187,968.89	\$2,510,211.89	\$10,653,959.74

HOUSING—VETERANS LAND ACT—STRATFORD, ONT.

Mr. BRADSHAW:

1. Are any houses being constructed at Stratford under V.L.A.?

2. If so, when will they be ready for occupancy?

3. Is work now proceeding on these houses?

4. If not, are the houses now considered finished?

5. If so, why are they not being put to use?

Mr. TUCKER:

1. Yes.

2. With exception of very small amount of painting, houses are completed and can be allocated as soon as arrangements are made respecting water and sewage disposal. Matter is under negotiation with city of Stratford.

3. Yes.

4 and 5. Answered by No. 2.

DISEASE IN NOVA SCOTIA BIRCH

Mr. WINTERS:

1. Has the serious situation respecting the disease prevalent in Nova Scotia birch come to the attention of the Department of Reconstruction and Supply?

2. Has the federal government been requested by the Nova Scotia government to relax export restrictions on Nova Scotia birch, and, if so, when will action be taken?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. Yes.

2. Yes. The dominion government was requested to relax the export controls on infested birch. This was refused because of the difficulty of differentiating between lumber cut from infested trees and lumber cut from healthy ones and, also, the need of protecting Canadian consumers. Instead, a proposal was made to the government of Nova Scotia that if the cut of birch this year exceeded that of last year, 75 per cent of this excess could be exported. See also statements by the minister at page 2539 of *Hansard* for April 29, 1947.

PERMANENT FORCE BANDS

Mr. KIDD:

1. How many permanent force (silver or brass) bands are at present on the strength of the permanent forces, army, navy or air?

2. Where are they now located and what is the present strength of each unit?