

the government on September 25 and would be printed and distributed as soon as possible. In his budget speech the Minister of Finance also referred to both these reports. Someone near me says that one of the reports has already been tabled. If it has, I have not seen it. In view of the importance of these reports and the desirability of their being in the hands of members before the budget debate begins, will the acting minister table copies of the reports either at once, or say to-morrow?

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Acting Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I received a few moments ago a note from the hon. member of the opposition dealing with the report of the royal commission on the taxation of cooperatives. I immediately communicated with the officers of the department and was informed that it had not yet been received from the printer, and that the printer would be immediately communicated with to expedite the printing. All I can say is that just as soon as it is possible to get it from the printer I will see that the report is tabled.

Mr. BRACKEN: Would it not be possible for some of us on this side to see that report before we proceed with the budget debate? It may not be possible to make it available to every member of the house before the budget debate, but I think that before important speeches are made on the budget we should have the opportunity of seeing that report.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I think that the request made by the hon. leader of the opposition is quite fair. I will communicate with the officers of the department and see if there are not copies that could be made available to the hon. member and to such other members as may wish to see it, unless of course, I am assured that the report will be available in print almost at once.

Mr. BRACKEN: Perhaps copies could be furnished to the leaders of the groups on this side at least.

Mr. COLDWELL: Thank you.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

*PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION—PEACE RIVER BLOCK

Mr. IRVINE:

1. Has the government received a request from the people of the Peace River block, that the benefits of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act be applicable to that territory?

2. If so, what action has been taken or proposed?

Mr. GARDINER:

1. Yes.

2. As hon. members will know, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act applies only to what is known as the Palliser triangle in the three western provinces. Two sessions ago, I think it was, a report was made by a committee of this house to the effect that the principle of the act be applied to all parts of Canada. That matter has been under consideration and the whole question has been submitted to the dominion-provincial conference and will still be under consideration when the conference resumes.

RESEARCH ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Mr. FLEMING:

1. What is the total expenditure made by or on behalf of Research Enterprises Ltd., Leaseide, for purchase or acquisition of, (a) land; (b) buildings; (c) machinery and other equipment?

2. How much of the same has been sold, and to whom, and at what price, as compared, in each case, with the original purchase price?

3. What undertaking or agreement has been given or entered into by any purchaser of any of the said buildings as to, (a) employment of employees of the said company; (b) maintenance of rates of wages; (c) union recognition?

4. How many persons were employed by Research Enterprises Ltd., (a) at the peak of employment; (b) the day before V-E day; (c) the day before V-J day; (d) on October 1, 1945?

5. (a) How many persons (by countries) were brought to Research Enterprises Ltd., from outside Canada to work at the company's plant at Leaseide; (b) how many of them (by countries) have been released from such employment in 1945; (c) how many of them (by countries) still remain in the company's employment; (d) what provisions or plans have been made by the government to retain the services of such persons in the class of work on which they were engaged at the said plant?

6. What provisions or plans have been made by the government to continue at the said plant processes and techniques carried on and developed at the said plant during the war?

7. What provisions or plans have been made by the government to retain the services of employees at the said plant?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. (a) Land, \$134,992.72; (b) Buildings, \$3,525,181.77; (c) Machinery and other equipment, \$5,400,053.70.

2. Building #14 was sold to Corning Glass Company; price \$150,000.00. The original purchase price was \$522,000.00.

3. None.

4. (a) 7,518 employees; (b) 5,552 employees; (c) 4,986 employees; (d) 3,187 employees.

5. (a) 15. From the British isles 13, from the United States 2; (b) None; (c) All; (d) No definite provisions or plans have been made.