

Questions

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

Mr. DUFF:

1. Has the Western Assurance Company, Limited, complied with Canadian laws with respect to taking out a licence to do business in Canada?

2. What amount has said company deposited with the authorities, either in cash or in bonds, to protect Canadian policyholders from loss?

Mr. RHODES:

1. Yes.
2. \$237,841.

CURRENCY ADVANCES TO BANKS

Mr. REID:

1. What amount of currency was advanced to the banks under the Finance Act, for the months of October, November and December, 1931, and January, February and March, 1932, giving the respective amounts in each month?

2. What rate of interest was charged to the banks for the advances made to them during these months?

3. What security did the banks have to put up for the advances made?

4. Were those advances made by way of loan, and if so, for how long a period?

5. Did the rate of interest charged the banks vary throughout those months?

Mr. RHODES:

1.	October, 1931..	\$ 27,000,000
	November, 1931..	56,500,000
	December, 1931..	47,500,000
	January, 1932..	23,500,000
	February, 1932..	25,500,000
	March, 1932..	22,000,000

2. Until October 26, 1931, 4½ per cent on advances against all securities other than 4 per cent treasury notes in connection with which 3½ per cent was the authorized rate. Effective October 26, 1931, the rate was reduced to 3 per cent on all advances.

3. Advances to the amount of \$178,803,000 were made against Dominion of Canada securities and \$23,197,000 against approved provincial and municipal securities as provided for by section 5 of the Finance Act.

4. Yes. Repayable at any time before May 1, 1932.

5. Yes. See answer to question 2.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP

Mr. POULIOT:

In how many cases, since August, 1930, has a postmaster charged with active political partisanship been replaced temporarily or permanently by a person making the charge or giving evidence against him?

[Mr. Rhodes.]

Mr. SAUVE:

In view of the fact that it will take some time to prepare the answer, it is recommended that this question stand as an order for return.

UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF

Mr. RALSTON:

For a copy of all bills, accounts, cheques and correspondence, respecting logs purchased for or used on the North Sydney breakwater extension, done under the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act of 1931.

Mr. BENNETT: That could refer only to such accounts, cheques and correspondence as are under the control of this government.

Motion agreed to.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri) (for Mr. Pouliot):

For a copy of all orders in council in connection with aid to farmers, since August 1, 1930.

Mr. BENNETT: This is not a motion to which any adequate measure of response can be given. The returns have already been brought down, under the Unemployment Relief Act, in connection with various sums that were paid out under the provisions of the statute.

Mr. SPEAKER: In the absence of the hon. member, and in view of the large number of these orders in council that have already been produced, the motion had better stand.

Motion stands.

ST. ARSENE, QUE., POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri) (for Mr. Pouliot):

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between all persons from Riviere du Loup and Mr. Tanner Green, post office administrator at Quebec, from July 1, 1926, to September 14, 1926, and from August, 1930, to date; also all reports or other documents signed by the said Mr. Green in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at St. Arsene, county of Témiscouata, during the same period.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): The Prime Minister was kind enough to say that when the item respecting the Imperial conference, which is in the miscellaneous estimates, came up for discussion there would be an opportunity to