

Mr. CRERAR: I suggest that this question stand. A considerable body of information is asked for which it will take a little time to prepare.

Question stands.

SHIPMENTS OF COAL INTO SLOCAN, B.C. DISTRICT
FOR USE OF JAPANESE

Mr. ESLING:

1. How many carloads of coal were shipped into the Slocan district during the year 1942, for the use of Japanese?

2. What is the aggregate tonnage?

Mr. MITCHELL: 33 carloads aggregating 1,370 tons.

ALMONTE RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Mr. ROSS (Souris):

1. Has the Department of Transport or the board of transport commissioners conducted any investigation into the train wreck at the town of Almonte?

2. If so, by whom was such investigation conducted?

3. Has a report been made?

Mr. MICHAUD:

1. Yes.

2. Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada.

3. No.

BILLION DOLLAR GIFT TO BRITAIN

Mr. HAZEN:

1. Has the whole amount of one billion dollars, voted by this parliament to assist in financing United Kingdom war requirements in Canada, been expended?

2. If so, on what date was that amount exhausted?

3. What arrangements have been made since that date to assist the United Kingdom in financing its war requirements in this country?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Yes.

2. December 22, 1942.

3. In the speech from the throne reference was made to the establishment of a Canadian war supplies allocation board in order to provide for the financing and for the allocation to the united nations of Canadian war production. The government will give full details of this plan shortly.

DOMINION ARCHITECT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. REID:

1. Who is the district resident architect for the dominion in the province of British Columbia?

2. Where is the district architect's office located?

3. How many are employed on the staff?

4. How long has the district architect been employed in this position?

5. What was his previous occupation before being appointed?

6. Is the present incumbent a fully qualified architect?

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull):

1. Mr. Charles Frederick Dawson.

2. Victoria, B.C.

3. Seven, including Mr. Dawson.

4. Since September 1, 1931.

5. Superintendent of buildings with the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment from May 8, 1917, to May 12, 1925. Appointed Assistant Architect with the Department of Public Works at Victoria, B.C., May 12, 1925.

6. Not a registered architect, but is thoroughly familiar with plans, specifications and building supervision. Studied architectural drawing at the Birmingham School of Art for about six years. Has had good experience as a builder and contractor.

WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD—CHAIRMAN

Mr. HATFIELD:

1. What is the name of the chairman of the wartime prices and trade board?

2. By whom was he recommended to this position?

3. What experience did he have in the production of food or other commodities?

4. What experience did he have in the distribution of food or other commodities?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Donald Gordon.

2. Appointed by the governor in council on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance.

3 and 4. None. The chairmanship of the wartime prices and trade board does not involve the production and distribution of food or other commodities but rather broad executive and administrative experience.

*ALBERTA DEBT ADJUSTMENT LEGISLATION

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

1. What has been the total cost to the federal government of referring the Alberta debt legislation to the courts?

2. What legal counsel represented the federal government before the judicial committee of the privy council, when this legislation was under consideration.

3. What remuneration was paid to each of the legal counsel so engaged?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The only part of this question which can be answered at this time is the second paragraph. The answer to this part of the question is as follows: The legal counsel were Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., and Mr. Frank Gahan, both of London, England.