

A. H. OATWAY V. WHEAT BOARD

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. What is the total amount of legal fees and disbursements paid to date or in respect of which accounts have been rendered in connection with the defence of the case of A. H. Oatway vs. the wheat board?

2. What are the names of the solicitors or counsel retained or engaged in this case, and how much did each receive?

Mr. MacKINNON:

1. The defence of the case of A. H. Oatway vs. the Canadian wheat board was handled for the board by its own legal department. No special or separate legal account was rendered in connection with this case. Mr. J. B. Coyne, K.C., was also employed to collaborate with the board's legal department, but was later retained by the crown. No account has been rendered by Mr. Coyne in this connection.

2. The solicitors were J. B. Coyne, K.C. (who was also retained by the crown), and H. B. Monk, K.C.

AIR TRANSPORT BOARD—LIEUT.-COL. A. S. McDONALD

Mr. HODGSON:

What is the salary of Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. McDonald as examiner of the air transport board?

Mr. McILRAITH: \$4,800 per annum.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

CANADA'S POST-WAR ARMY

Mr. PROBE:

1. What are the qualifications demanded by the Department of National Defence for enlistment in Canada's proposed post-war army?

2. How many applications of pre-war members of Canada's permanent army who being of proper physical standard and who have seen service in any theatre of war during world war two, have been rejected to date for service in the proposed post-war army?

3. What are the summarized grounds for rejection of the applications referred to in question 2?

4. On whose recommendation were the above rejections permitted?

5. What appeal has been or will be permitted to the applicants referred to in question 2?

6. How many officers from each of the provinces of Canada have been retained for service with the post-war army, as of May 15, 1946 (a) who served with the permanent force pre-war and who had service in a theatre of war; (b) who were in the permanent force pre-war, but who had no combat service; (c) who were not in the permanent force pre-war and who had service in a theatre of war; (d) who were not in the permanent force pre-war and who have had no combat service?

LABOUR CONDITIONS

REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF LABOUR

On the orders of the day:

Hon. GROTE STIRLING (Yale): The leader of the opposition wished me to ask the Minister of Labour whether he could table a copy of a report of the New Zealand federation of labour, referred to in this morning's press, of which a copy is said to have been received here, and also provide members with a copy of the report.

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): My information is that there is only one copy of this report in Ottawa, in the office of the high commissioner for New Zealand. The report has been accepted by the New Zealand government as an official report according to a statement by Hon. Walter Nash, Minister of Finance of New Zealand. In view of the interest in the report, the high commissioner for New Zealand in Ottawa has agreed to make his copy available for duplication. I expect to obtain copies and shall be glad to supply the hon. gentleman with one as well as other hon. members who are interested.

LUMBER INDUSTRY—STRIKE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. A. CRUICKSHANK (Fraser Valley): I wish to ask the Minister of Labour a question. Have the unions in British Columbia offered to return to work in the box industry and, if so, have the operators refused to accept the offer?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): I have no knowledge of the information which apparently is available to my hon. friend, but I am in constant touch with Victoria and he can rest assured that I will inform the house of any developments.

COAL

INQUIRING AS TO POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING IMPORTS OF ANTHRACITE FROM ABROAD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN T. HACKETT (Stanstead): May I ask a question of the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. This afternoon, when reference was made to 25 million tons of coal, did that include anthracite? If it did, is there any possibility of securing anthracite from Great Britain, Belgium or Russia?

Right Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): The figure did include anthracite. Our total coal consumption is about 42 million tons, of which about 25