

IMPORT REGULATIONS—POTATOES

Mr. BLACKMORE:

1. Has the government lifted import regulations on the importation of new potatoes from the United States of America into Canada?

2. If so, to what extent and when?

3. What is the estimated number of tons of Canadian potatoes in store in Canada depending upon Canadian consumers for markets?

4. Before lifting the said import regulations were sufficient Canadian potatoes in Canada to satisfy demand for potatoes in Canada?

5. Was there a deficiency of Canadian potatoes in store in Canada, and how great was that deficiency as expressed in tons?

6. Was there a surplus of potatoes in store in Canada, and, if so, how great was that surplus, as expressed in tons?

7. Just prior to the lifting of the import regulations, how many tons of Canadian potatoes were found to be in store in the Lethbridge area, depending for markets upon Canadian consumers?

8. Before lifting the import regulation against United States of America new potatoes, what precautions, if any, did the government take to provide that Lethbridge area potatoes would have appropriate and adequate access to Canadian markets.

9. How many orders for Lethbridge area potatoes have been placed by Saskatchewan and Manitoba concerns?

10. Since the lifting of the import regulations against United States of America new potatoes, how many orders for Lethbridge area potatoes have been cancelled by Canadian concerns?

11. What, if any, reduction in potato prices in Canada has resulted from the lifting of these import regulations?

12. Who gave the order to lift the import regulations?

13. At whose instance was the order given?

KINGSMILL HOUSE, OTTAWA

Mr. ADAMSON:

1. Have the property and buildings known as Kingsmill House, situated at 453 Laurier avenue east, Ottawa, been sold by the government?

2. If so, to whom?

3. What was the price paid for the land and buildings?

4. What were the terms of sale?

5. When was this property bought?

6. What was the price paid for the property?

7. What was the cost of improving, remodeling and decorating the property?

INCOME TAX—COSTS OF COLLECTION

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

What was the cost for the fiscal years 1945-1946 and 1946-1947 in each taxation division and province of collecting income taxes (a) salaries; (b) expenses; (c) legal fees; (d) total for Canada?

COGSWELL STREET HOSPITAL, HALIFAX

Mr. BLACK (Cumberland):

What did the government pay during the fiscal years 1944-1945, 1945-1946, 1946-1947, in connection with the Cogswell street hospital,

Halifax, N.S., for (a) rental; (b) maintenance; (c) improvements; (d) cost of operations, including salaries and fees?

BELLEVILLE ARMOURIES

Mr. STOKES:

1. What alterations or improvements were made by contracts let by the Department of National Defence or Department of Public Works at the armouries at Belleville, Ontario during (a) the year 1944; (b) the year 1945; (c) the year 1946; (d) the year 1947, to date?

2. To whom were contracts let and for what specific work?

3. What was the gross expenditure made under each contract?

4. What, if any, of the above contracts are uncompleted?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT ORDERS ON
MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYSRight Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister) moved:

That on and after Monday, the 5th day of May next to the end of the session, government notices of motions and government orders shall have precedence on Mondays over all business except the introduction of bills, questions by members and notices of motions for the production of papers.

He said: I hope, Mr. Speaker, hon. members will see that it is very much in their own interests that this motion should carry. The house has now been sitting for over three months, and most of the business of an ordinary session is still before us. I myself would be glad to amend the resolution to include Wednesdays as well, if there is a general feeling among hon. members that I should so do.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: After all, it means that possibly only one member will have a chance to discuss his particular resolution. I am sure there will be other occasions on which that opportunity will be afforded. If hon. members agree I would ask to have the motion amended to read:

That on and after Monday, the 5th of May next, and Wednesday, the 7th of May next, to the end of the session, government notices of motion and government orders shall have precedence on Mondays and Wednesdays over all business except the introduction of bills, questions by members and notices of motions for the production of papers.

Motion agreed to.

PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION

EXTENSION OF APPLICATION TO OTHER PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. THOMAS REID (New Westminster): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of