

## "THE GOSPEL WITNESS AND PROTESTANT ADVOCATE"

Mr. ROY:

What was the weekly circulation of the publication *The Gospel Witness and Protestant Advocate* for the year 1942?

Mr. McLARTY: There is no department of the government which has the information here requested. I suggest that the question might well be dropped.

## DUTIES ON LEAD AND ZINC CONCENTRATES

Mr. ESLING:

1. Has the government entered into an agreement with the United States, or is it negotiating with the United States, concerning the reduction or abolition of United States duties on lead or zinc concentrates?

2. If so, what are the terms of the proposed reduction?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. No.

2. Answered by the answer to No. 1.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. ESLING:

1. What is the total sum received from the employers and employees throughout Canada for unemployment insurance contributions from July 1, 1941, when the act became operative to December 31, 1942?

2. What was the government's contribution during this period, July 1, 1941, to December 31, 1942?

3. What was the total contribution from employers and what was the total contribution from employees?

4. Are contributions in separate funds or do they become part of the consolidated revenue fund?

5. How much was paid out in unemployment insurance benefits during the calendar year 1942?

Mr. MITCHELL:

1. A total sum of \$78,683,891.65 was received from the employers and employees throughout Canada for unemployment insurance contributions from July 1, 1941, when the act became operative, to December 31, 1942.

2. The amount of \$15,736,778.33 was the government's contribution during this period, July 1, 1941, to December 31, 1942.

3. The total contributions for employers amount to \$37,768,267.99 and the total contributions for employees amount to \$40,915,623.66.

4. The Unemployment Insurance Act provides that contributions shall be credited to a special account in consolidated revenue fund called the unemployment insurance fund.

5. The amount of \$349,655.94 was paid out in unemployment insurance benefits during the calendar year 1942.

[Mr. Power.]

JAPANESE NATIONALS AND NATURALIZED JAPANESE  
—REPATRIATION

Mr. ESLING:

Has the government taken any steps in negotiating for the repatriation of the Japanese nationals or naturalized Japanese?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Negotiations with Japan through the protecting power for the exchange of Canadian nationals in Japan and Japanese subjects in Canada have been under way for some months. It will be recalled that at the time of the exchange of diplomatic officials a small number of Canadians were brought back from Japan and some Japanese subjects were returned to Japan from Canada. The present negotiations for the second and further exchanges have been protracted, but it is hoped that before long a further party of Canadians will be able to leave Japan for Canada and at the same time a party of Japanese subjects will leave Canada for Japan.

## VETERANS' LAND SETTLEMENT ACT

Mr. ESLING:

1. Have any parcels of land been purchased under the Veterans' Land Settlement Act of 1942?

2. If so, how many and in what localities and at what price per acre?

Mr. CRERAR: No parcels of land have been purchased up to the present time under the Veterans' Land Settlement Act.

## SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD

Mr. ESLING:

1. Since the operation of the soldier settlement board in 1919, down to December 31, 1942, what sums of money have been placed at the disposal of the soldier settlement board for the purchase of lands?

2. How many separate parcels of land were purchased during that period?

3. To how many parcels of land does the board now retain title?

4. How many parcels of land are actually occupied and producing returns to the board?

5. What sum, on account of such parcels, was returned to the board in 1942?

6. Since the operation of the act, what is the total amount written off for (a) revaluation, (b) reduction under Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, (c) bonuses?

7. From 1918 to December 31, 1942, what is the total received from settlers by way of principal payments?

8. What is the total sum received by way of interest?

9. Since the operation of the board what is the aggregate sum paid in salaries for administration and what is the total amount incurred for expenses other than salaries?