

Questions

COLOMBO PLAN—SHIPMENTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO INDIA

Mr. Catherwood:

1. Have any agricultural products been shipped to India under the Colombo plan, during the current year to date?
2. If so, what is the value of each of these products, and what amount in each case?

Mr. Lesage:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.

IMPORTS OF MILK SUGAR

Mr. Tustin:

1. What quantity of milk sugar was imported during (a) the year 1950; (b) to date in 1951?
2. From what countries was this product imported, how much from each, and at what price (a) crude; (b) refined?

Mr. McIlraith:

1 and 2. Milk sugar is not separately classified in Canadian import statistics and the information is not available.

VETERANS LAND ACT—VETERANS ESTABLISHED IN QUEENS COUNTY, P.E.I.

Mr. MacLean (Queens):

1. How many veterans have been established in Queens county, Prince Edward Island, under the Veterans Land Act, since world war II, on (a) small holdings; (b) farms?
2. How many in each of the above categories have defaulted in their payments?

Mr. Muich:

1. (a) 129; (b) 253. In addition there are 34 commercial fishing establishments.
2. (a) 3; (b) 14. Commercial fishermen—3. (The answer to part 2 relates to cases where, as a result of default, the properties have reverted to the director.)

COST OF LIVING—NEWFOUNDLAND INDEX IN RELATION TO GENERAL INDEX

Mr. Knowles:

1. Do the figures relating to the cost of living index for Canada as a whole include a figure for the cost of living in Newfoundland?
2. Is the cost of living index for Newfoundland based on 1935-39 as is the case for the rest of Canada? If not, what is the base period for Newfoundland?
3. If there is a different base period for Newfoundland, what method is employed by the bureau of statistics in incorporating changes in the Newfoundland cost of living into the general cost of living index for the whole of Canada?

Mr. McIlraith:

1. No.
2. No. The base period for the St. John's, Newfoundland, cost of living index published by the dominion bureau of statistics is June 1, 1951. Indexes on this base may be converted to base of October 1938 to provide

continuity with the Newfoundland department of supply index, formerly published on that base, by multiplying each index on the new base by 185.4 (the June 1, 1951 index on the 1938 base). A detailed explanation of the Newfoundland cost of living index is given in dominion bureau of statistics reference paper, No. 28, entitled "St. John's, Newfoundland cost-of-living index (June 1951=100)".

3. Answered by No. 1.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY—ROUTE THROUGH BRANDON, MAN.

Mr. Dinsdale:

1. What route will the trans-Canada highway take through Brandon, Manitoba?
2. Does this route involve the construction of a new bridge over the Assiniboine river?
3. If so, how will the cost of such construction be distributed?

Mr. Winters:

1. The province of Manitoba has not yet designated the route of the trans-Canada highway through the city of Brandon.
2. See answer to No. 1.
3. See answer to No. 1.

ARMED FORCES DEPENDENTS—SUPPLEMENTAL AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Is supplemental assistance to families of members of the armed forces serving overseas available from the dependents board of trustees?
2. If not, is emergency assistance provided from the benevolent funds of the respective armed services?
3. With reference to the army benevolent fund, does it cover the emergency financial needs of the dependents of non-veteran members of the armed forces serving overseas?

Mr. Blanchette:

1. No. The dependents board of trustees was dissolved in 1946.
- 2 and 3. Yes, with the exception that the army benevolent fund only covers those who served in the second world war.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION—CONTRACTS AWARDED DURING 1951

Mr. Brooks:

1. How many contracts have been awarded by the Department of Defence Production in each of the maritime provinces, monthly, since January 1, 1951, and what is the total value?
2. How many defence contracts have been awarded in Ontario and Quebec, monthly, during the same period, and what is the total value?

Mr. McIlraith: For the reasons indicated on November 5 in answer to a question by the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Dinsdale), the information as asked for is not available. The information as to all contracts is published for each two-weeks period, and that is readily available.