

Questions

grants and what municipalities respectively received them; (3) what are the other terms, if any of the said grants; (m) (1) how many municipalities have applied for grants pursuant to section 12; (2) how many have been refused; (3) how many of such applications are still pending; (n) how many contracts have been entered into under part III; (o) (1) what is the total number of houses for which loans have been authorized under part III; (2) how many of such houses have been completed and are now occupied; (p) what is the total amount of the loans authorized under part III; (q) how many contracts have been entered into with manufacturers of plumbing and heating equipment or other component parts of houses, pursuant to section 15; (r) how many payments have been made under part IV, and what is the total thereof; (s) what studies and investigations, planning and research have been carried on under part V; (t) what expenditures have been made pursuant to part V out of the \$5,000,000 authorized by parliament in 1945, under section 27A?

Mr. McILRAITH: Almost all the information asked for in this lengthy question is provided in the annual report which is tabled in accordance with the statute. That report should be coming forward well within the time provided by law. I suggest that the question be dropped and if there are any parts of the information being sought that are not provided by the annual report, those parts can be put back on the order paper as a question.

Mr. FLEMING: I suggest that a better method, Mr. Speaker, is to leave the question on the order paper until we see whether the report, when tabled, provides the answer.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Dropped.

Mr. FLEMING: Stand.

Mr. McILRAITH: I should like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that it is no function of a question, as I understand the rules, to anticipate an annual report provided for by statutes. As the question is now worded it merely anticipates and seeks to obtain information in advance of the report being tabled. The report will be ready within the time provided for by statute.

Mr. SPEAKER: Dropped.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Stand.

Mr. FLEMING: I cannot consent to the withdrawal of this question, Mr. Speaker. The question is not simply in anticipation of the annual report. There is a great deal of information there, if this year's report is like the reports of other years, and it would take a great deal of time to isolate the particular information required. I am asking that this question remain on the order paper.

[Mr. Fleming.]

Some hon. MEMBERS: Dropped.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Stand.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the parliamentary assistant agreeable to allowing the question to stand?

Mr. McILRAITH: I am not prepared at the moment, Mr. Speaker, to argue the rules of the house. But I suggest that the question ought never to have been received in its present form. However, if the hon. member for Eglinton desires to let it stand and proceed in that manner, I have no personal objection. It merely seems to me to be rather a waste of money.

Mr. SPEAKER: Stand.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. During 1945 and 1946, did Canada export any war materials to Russia?
2. If so, what amount has been spent by Canada for that purpose?
3. Since the cessation of hostilities, has Canada exported other goods to Russia?
4. If so, what is the total value of such goods?
5. Has Russia repaid, wholly or partly, the war expenditure incurred by Canada to assist Russia?
6. If so, what is the amount of such repayment?

NATURALIZATION

Mr. MacINNIS:

1. How many naturalization certificates were issued in the calendar year 1947, and how were they divided as to former citizenship?
2. How many applications for citizenship were refused in the same period?
3. What are the chief reasons for refusing to issue naturalization certificates?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): Return tabled.

RADIO BROADCASTING—LICENCES

Mr. REID:

1. What was the number of radio licences issued, by provinces, for the fiscal year 1946-47?
2. What amount of money has been expended by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in each province for the fiscal year 1946-47?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): Return tabled.

EXPORT OF ARMS AND WAR MATERIALS

Mr. FLEMING:

1. What arms, war materials and military aircraft and parts were exported from Canada in 1947 (listed according to categories, months and countries to which they were exported)?