

asked for in this return. There is no objection to bringing them down; but if the hon. member has some particular point upon which he wishes to get information, or if it would be satisfactory for him to examine the files himself, it would save a very considerable amount of work. A blanket order of this kind involves all the correspondence which happened to come into the department in connection with this particular matter.

Mr. CASSELMAN (Grenville-Dundas): If I have the privilege of perusing the files, and, if I find what I expect, I have the privilege of taking copies, that will meet with my approval.

Mr. CRERAR: I would have no objection whatever to furnishing the hon. member with copies of whatever documents on the files he wishes to have. I had better, though, to keep matters regular, have my office make the copies.

Mr. CASSELMAN (Grenville-Dundas): That is quite satisfactory.

DOMINION PURCHASES OF COAL FOR USE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. BROOKS:

For a return showing the tonnage, price paid and source of all coal purchased by the dominion government during the past calendar year for use in the province of New Brunswick.

MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY—ELECTRIC POWER, NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. HATFIELD:

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the munitions and supply board and any member thereof and the New Brunswick hydro commission or any member thereof, in regard to the furnishing of electric power and the amount of power available.

MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY—ORDERS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK FIRMS

Mr. HATFIELD:

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the munitions and supply board or any member thereof and the New Brunswick government in regard to securing orders for the firms located in the province of New Brunswick.

AIR FORCE—PURCHASE OF LANDS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. PERLEY:

For a return showing the names of persons from whom land was purchased to provide space for airports, bombing schools or air training landing fields at Mossbank, Moose Jaw, Broadview, Wolesey and Moosomin, Saskatchewan, giving the number of acres purchased in each instance and the amount paid per acre to those from whom the land was purchased.

NATIONAL PARKS

PRINCE ALBERT—PROVISION FOR WITHDRAWING CERTAIN AREAS OF LAND AND ESTABLISHING NEW BOUNDARIES

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend The National Parks Act for the purpose of withdrawing certain areas of land from the Prince Albert National Park as presently constituted, and for establishing new boundaries for the said park as a consequence thereof.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PAGES DELETED FROM MACMILLAN REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. A. BRUCE (Parkdale): May I direct a question to the Minister of Munitions and Supply (Mr. Howe)? In view of the disturbed condition of the public mind in regard to aircraft production at this critical time will the minister lay on the table of the house the missing pages Nos. 5, 6, 7 and part of 8 of the MacMillan report, deleted on the ground that they contained confidential information? Were those pages marked "confidential", or is that the minister's own interpretation? Does the minister mean to imply that this information would be valuable to the enemy? If not, then on what ground has it been withheld? Will the minister give a statement setting forth the essence of all discussions which took place between him and Mr. MacMillan in relation to the latter's report? Will the minister relieve Mr. MacMillan of his oath of secrecy and prove he has nothing to conceal by asking Mr. MacMillan to make a statement and thus allow the public to judge who is responsible for the present dangerous and alarming delay in aircraft production?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member started out with the preamble, "In view of the disturbed condition of the public mind in regard to aircraft production," I must say at once that I am not aware of the disturbed state of the public mind. So far as pages 5, 6, 7 and part of 8 of the MacMillan report are concerned, these pages have nothing what-