

4. Did drug stores supply port doctors and sick mariners with requisite drugs and other medical supplies during these years?

5. Has this policy been discontinued? If so, why?

6. What sums were paid into the sick mariners' fund through the customs office, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, in the years 1926, 1929, 1931, 1934, 1936, and 1942?

7. What was the number of vessels, their tonnage, and the numbers of members of crews, during each of such years?

8. Are men in the naval service advised to secure medical treatment from the port doctor at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia? If so, does such port doctor receive special remuneration in addition to salary on scale fixed by government?

9. Why are other resident doctors not permitted to share in such practice?

BRUCE COAL COMPANY

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Has the Bruce Coal Company, of Ottawa, been prosecuted?

2. If so, for what reasons?

3. Has the trial been postponed?

4. If so, how many times?

5. Does the government intend to proceed effectively against this company?

GRANTS TO PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Mr. LACROIX (Beauce):

What sums were contributed by the federal government to the government of the province of Quebec, from August 26, 1936, to November 8, 1939, in the form of statutory grants, assistance to unemployed, contributions to old age pensions and to the blind, and in any other manner?

COST OF LIVING BONUS—VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

Mr. CHURCH:

1. How many men of His Majesty's forces have been granted the qualified high cost-of-living bonus under the recent new regulations regarding veterans' assistance, (a) overseas or adjoining territory to Canada; (b) those serving in Canada?

2. To how many men of the forces does this new regulation apply?

3. When did those overseas start to receive this increase over \$1.30 per day?

4. Is it given to all the men, or just those whom their officers choose, or under what regulation?

5. How many men have been refused this increase, by whom, and for what reason?

HOUSING—MONTREAL

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. What action is being taken by the government to relieve the serious housing situation which exists in many of the larger cities throughout the dominion, particularly Montreal?

2. What steps are being taken to prevent the outbreak of any epidemic which might arise as a result of bad housing conditions?

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

INQUIRY AS TO ATTEMPTED WRECK OF MONTREAL-VANCOUVER TRAIN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the government. I am not sure whether it should be directed to the acting leader, to the Minister of Transport or to the Minister of Justice, but I have sent notice to them all just in case the question may come within their purview.

A Canadian Press dispatch from Fort William under date of yesterday says:

A railway sectionman was shot and wounded in what was believed last night to have been an attempt of saboteurs to wreck the Canadian Pacific Railway's crack Montreal-Vancouver flier. The section worker was fired upon from ambush when he tried to replace spikes that had been removed from the track.

In view of the widespread public interest which has been aroused by this hinted act of sabotage I ask the government to give a full statement to the house in connection with this report, and I should like also to inquire what steps the government is taking immediately to investigate the incident.

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, when I received notice of this question from the hon. leader of the opposition I mentioned it to the acting leader of the government (Mr. Crerar) and to the Minister of Transport and ascertained from them that what was the case with respect to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was also the case with them. No official report has yet been received concerning this incident. All the information we have at police headquarters here is that the Manitoba division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is co-operating with the provincial authorities and with the constables of the Canadian Pacific company in investigating the incident.

REDISTRIBUTION

INQUIRY AS TO PROCEDURE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Could he inform the house when the government's proposals for redistribution will be made, and whether consideration has been given to the suggestion that a judicial committee rather than a parliamentary committee might undertake the task?

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Acting Leader of the Government): Mr. Speaker, consideration is being given to the manner in which redistribution will be brought before the house.