

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I take it the copies of decisions which have been handed down are the decisions in the supreme court, and before the privy council.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Yes.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: And not decisions which have been handed down by other courts prior to that.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): No, only those two.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The hon. member will realize it will be some time before we can have these documents ready.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Yes.

CANADIAN ARMY—ENLISTMENTS, DISCHARGES, ETC.

Mr. FRASER (Peterborough West):

For a return showing:—(a) the total number of men by military districts who have enlisted with the Canadian active army as of the latest available date; (b) the total number of men by military districts serving overseas with the Canadian army as of the latest available date; (c) the total number of men by military districts who are attested for service anywhere, but who are now serving in Canada, as of the latest available date; (d) the total number of men by military districts who are serving with the Canadian army reserve, as of the latest available date; (e) the total number of men by military districts, and/or administrative districts, who have been called up for training and service pursuant to the National Resources Mobilization Act, as of the latest available date; (f) the total number of men by military districts and/or administrative districts, called up for training and service under the National Resources Mobilization Act who have volunteered for service anywhere; (g) the total number of men who have been discharged from the Canadian active army on the ground of (1) medical unfitness, (2) misconduct, (3) all other reasons.

Mr. POWER: There is no objection whatsoever, indeed the information is readily available, with respect to (a), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g). But with respect to (b), if my hon. friend wants that information at once there will be some difficulty, and it may take some time. If he will permit me to table as soon as possible the information with respect to all the others, and would ask a separate question with respect to (b), we would be able to get it out for him. But I must advise him it would take some time to get the information, because I fear it would mean the examination of files overseas. Perhaps my hon. friend would have a chat with me as to whether he wants the information concerning (b) to the extent he wishes to have the other information. In any event, the order may pass, with that exception.

Mr. SPEAKER: Carried, subject to the statement made by the minister.

RADIO BROADCASTING

VACANCIES ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Prime Minister. I am informed there are now two vacancies on the board of governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Would the Prime Minister indicate to the house when the appointments will be made, and when making them does he propose to follow the recommendation of last year's report of the committee on radio broadcasting that if possible there should be included persons who would be able to represent the points of view of agriculture and labour?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The government has been considering carefully the recommendations of the committee which sat last year. What my hon. friend has mentioned is just one of the considerations of which the government is anxious to take account. How soon the appointments can be made I cannot say at the present time, but I hope it will be very soon.

MILITARY SERVICE

REFERENCE TO CERTAIN LETTERS FROM THE MEMBER FOR COMOX-ALBERNI TO HON. MR. LAFLECHE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. W. NEILL (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask two questions of the Minister of National War Services (Mr. LaFleche). I really should make it a question of privilege, because it concerns the privileges of all members; but if I get these questions answered it may suffice.

On May 5, 1942, I wrote the minister, who was then deputy minister, on some matters of public concern with respect to selective service. I wanted information that the public should have. Receiving no answer I wrote again on August 3 of last year. Having got no answer I wrote again on September 29, and specified five specific questions on which I wanted definite answers. Getting no answer I wrote again on December 29, and again no answer. I wrote again on January 30, 1943, and again no answer—five letters and no reply.

The questions I wish to ask the minister are these. Does he not think that anyone, whether a member of parliament or a private individual in Canada, who writes civilly and definitely to a public servant ought to get an answer to his questions in less than nine