

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Monday, June 10, 1946.

The house met at three o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Seventh report of the special committee on veterans affairs.—Mr. Tucker.

First report of the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.—Mr. Maybank.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

RESOLUTION EXTENDING GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO HIS MAJESTY

Right Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as to-day is the day appointed for the celebration in Canada of the King's birthday, I have the honour to propose, seconded by the Acting Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Graydon) the following motion:

That an humble address be sent to His Majesty, King George VI, in the following words:

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, the members of the House of Commons of Canada in parliament assembled, desire to extend to Your Majesty, on this day set apart for the celebration in Canada of the King's Birthday, our loyal greetings and heartfelt good wishes."

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Acting Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, on previous occasions of this kind it has been customary for the leaders of the various parties to express in some way the feelings of the members of those parties. It would seem to me most appropriate, however, if on this occasion we were to refrain from comment, and the house were simply to rise and to sing *God Save the King*.

Motion agreed to.

(The members rose and sang
God Save the King).

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CANADIAN ARMY—CLOTHING ALLOWANCES

Mr. GRAYDON:

1. During what periods of the last war was the amount of clothing allowances granted to Canadian army personnel on discharge (a) \$35; (b) \$65; (c) \$100?

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2. How many of such discharged personnel received (a) \$35; (b) \$65; (c) \$100, as clothing allowance?

3. What steps is the government taking towards making the said clothing allowance of \$100 retroactive to cover all Canadian army personnel discharged since the beginning of the war?

Mr. LAPOINTE:

1. (a) 1 September, 1939 to 31 October, 1943; (b) 1 November, 1943 to 31 July, 1944; (c) 1 August, 1944 to date.

2. (a) 96,561; (b) 42,559; (c) 357,038.

3. None contemplated.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—PUBLICITY PERSONNEL

Mr. HOMUTH:

1. What is the total cost of the publicity personnel in the Department of Agriculture?

2. Who is employed?

3. What salaries are they paid?

4. Is a departmental paper published? If so, what is the cost of publishing same?

Mr. GARDINER:

1. \$13,953.12 (including cost of living bonus and travelling expenses).

2 and 3. F. James, \$4,200; R. B. Marven, \$3,600; W. R. Gillanders, \$2,141.04; Miss M. K. Rooney, \$1,661.04; Miss M. I. Gillespie, \$1,601.04.

4. No.

PRISONERS OF WAR—BOWMANVILLE

Mr. STEPHENSON:

1. How much barbed wire was used to enclose the prisoner of war camp at Bowmanville, Ontario?

2. What has become of this wire since the prisoner of war camp was closed?

3. Was it sold?

4. If so, to whom; in what quantities and at what price?

Mr. LAPOINTE:

1. 74,250 lineal yards of single strand barbed wire on wood posts. (8 ft. high double barbed wire fence 1,190 lineal yards in length, with concertina and loose wire between).

2. 37,125 lineal yards stored in the storage yard at Bowmanville, Ont.; 32,175 lineal yards stored at Barriefield, Ont.; 4,950 lineal yards shipped to Ottawa, Ont. for use by army in that area.

3. No. It will be required for use by the army.

4. Answered by No. 3.

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