

particular period, I think we could handle the matter all right. As it is now we would have to go to every military district in Canada, as well as to Newfoundland, to get the information for which he asks.

Question dropped.

SHEEP RAISING

Mr. BLACKMORE:

1. In view of the rumoured danger of the development of a shortage of wool in Canada, will the minister tell the house what steps his department has taken to prevent the slaughter of ewes?

2. What steps have been taken to import suitable breeding stock?

3. What steps have been taken to assist, through advances of credit or otherwise, those who would go into the sheep business?

4. What has been done in the way of guaranteeing and stabilizing prices of wool and mutton over a period of years?

Mr. GARDINER:

1. No steps of the nature indicated have as yet been taken to avoid the possible development of a shortage of wool in Canada. The Canadian wool situation is at present being considered by the Department of Agriculture and the Wool Administrator in consultation with representatives of the sheep industry.

2, 3 and 4. Answered by No. 1.

*INTERNEED ANTI-FASCISTS

Mr. QUELCH:

Has the government taken any action to investigate the cases of interned anti-fascists, on their own individual merit, to the end that those held merely on the charge of having been members of the communist party, may be released?

Mr. St. LAURENT: No persons have been interned as anti-fascists, nor are any being held as such. The cases of all internees under regulation 21 of the defence of Canada regulations who have requested a rehearing, or for whom such a request has been made, have been or are being investigated by advisory committees, on the individual merits of each, to the end that each may be dealt with by the Minister of Justice in view of the recommendation of the committee.

NATIONAL LABOUR SUPPLY COUNCIL

Mr. MacINNIS:

1. Does the national labour supply council still function?

2. Who are the present members of the council, (a) representatives of industry, (b) representatives of labour?

3. How many meetings have been held by the national labour supply council since November 1, 1941, to date?

4. What matters were referred to the said council from November 1, 1941, to date?

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Mr. MITCHELL:

1. No.

2, 3 and 4. None.

Explanation: Due to the establishment of the national war labour board and following representations of organized labour, order in council P.C. 2686 was revoked and the functions formerly performed by the national labour supply council are now largely undertaken by the national war labour board and the regional war labour boards.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Mrs. NIELSEN:

1. Are women employed by the federal government in organizing women, (a) for war work; (b) to take over civilian duties to release men for the armed forces?

2. If so, how many such women under each of the above categories?

3. Who are such organizers, listing names, addresses or where employed, qualifications, duties and salary of each?

4. Of these women who registered with the voluntary registration bureau of the government, now called national registration division, how many have been placed with, (a) the auxiliary services of the forces; (b) war industries, (c) civilian services?

Mr. THORSON: It would require an enormous amount of correspondence to attempt to answer part 4 of this question, and even then, I think it would be impossible to comply with the request. I would ask that part 4 be dropped, and that the remainder of the question stand as an order for return.

Mr. SPEAKER: Parts 1, 2 and 3 stand as an order for return; part 4 dropped.

HOUSING LOANS

Mr. GRAYDON:

1. How many loans each year have been made under the provisions of the National Housing Act since the said act went into operation?

2. How much money was loaned (a) by the financial institutions, (b) by the government, in connection with the said loans in each of the said years, by provinces?

3. During the year 1941, how many loans under the provisions of the National Housing Act were made in the county of Peel?

4. What was the total amount so invested (a) by financial institutions, (b) by the government, in the said county?

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—SAVING OF PAPER

Mr. PURDY:

1. Has the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation recently issued a series of advertising booklets under the heading, "Five Years of Achievement"?