

gent shortage of meat in Canada, but there is of course a shortage of meat in the devastated countries, and the amount that Canada is asked to provide to supply that shortage is about six per cent of the requirements. We are making every possible effort to get a production in Canada which will meet that requirement. The main provision to that end is the making of agreements in advance under which we can state to farmers across Canada the price they will be able to obtain for their product, at least twelve months in advance, or, as has been the case recently, twenty-four months in advance. They know when they are breeding and putting in stock for feed exactly what they will secure for them.

CIVIL AVIATION

WRANGELL, ALASKA—TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.,
AIR SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. G. ARCHIBALD (Skeena): I addressed two questions to the Minister of Reconstruction this morning. I do not know whether I wrote the wrong department or not. Is the minister aware that air service from Wrangell, Alaska to Telegraph Creek, B.C., has been discontinued because the air service operator formerly operating from Wrangell has been unable to obtain permission to cross the Canadian border?

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is not permitted to read a telegram or make a statement; he must just ask the question.

Mr. COLDWELL: The hon. member is reading a copy of the question he sent to the minister this morning, Mr. Speaker. It is not a telegram; the place is called Telegraph Creek.

Mr. ARCHIBALD: Residents of Telegraph Creek, an isolated community without any other means of transportation have petitioned the air transport board, but without result, even in grave emergencies affecting life and property. Will the minister give his immediate—

Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Mr. HOWE: It is all right; I shall answer it.

Mr. SPEAKER: I must remind the hon. member that he has not the right to make any statement or to give any explanation, but just to put his question, and put it briefly. That is the rule of the house.

[Mr. Hansell.]

Mr. ARCHIBALD: Will the minister give his immediate attention to this situation? The matter is urgent.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction): The question involves a service with headquarters in the United States. By agreement between Canada and the United States an application by a United States company to operate into Canada must be filed with the civil aeronautics authority of the United States. That authority approaches Canada, and Canada either permits the service to operate or not. Thus by mutual agreement each air line must deal with the country of which it is a national. If the company in question will apply to the civil aeronautics authority, and the civil aeronautics authority communicate with Canada, we shall be very glad to give serious consideration to the matter. In the meantime I may say that Telegraph Creek is served regularly by a Canadian company, and I feel that the situation is not as grave as has been represented to the hon. member.

RADIO RANGE STATIONS AT SMITHERS AND
TERRACE, B.C.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. G. ARCHIBALD (Skeena): What department takes responsibility for operation of radio range stations at Smithers and Terrace, B.C., and is the government going to operate them now that the war is over?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction): The department of which I am the minister has that responsibility. The radio ranges mentioned were operated as a war service when traffic was heavy. They are not warranted by ordinary bush service. They have been closed down and dismantled.

THE WAR

INQUIRY AS TO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF
TERMINATION OF HOSTILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The hon. member for Macleod (Mr. Hansell) asked me a question on Friday and I said I would give him an answer a little later on. The question was:

It is expected that the government will make a formal announcement, so far as Canada is concerned, that the war is ended and, if so, when may we expect that announcement?

I would say to my hon. friend the question is one which in the opinion of the Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent) has many im-