

EXPORT OF FLOUR—SYNTHETIC VITAMINS

Mr. BRUCE:

1. What was the cost of the synthetic vitamins which were added to flour exported from Canada during the year 1941?

2. Was this cost borne by (a) the millers, (b) the Canadian government, (c) the British government?

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES—CASUALTIES,
DISCHARGES AND PENSIONS

Mr. GRAYDON:

1. What is the total number of men in (a) the army, (b) the navy, (c) the air force, who in this war, (i) have been killed on active service; (ii) have died of wounds received on active service; (iii) have died from other causes while on active service; (iv) have been taken prisoners of war; (v) are missing on active service; (vi) have appeared on the casualty lists for any other reason?

2. How many men have been discharged from (a) the army, (b) the navy, (c) the air force, since the war began, by reason of (i) physical unfitness; (ii) injuries or wounds received while on active service?

3. How many pensions have been granted for disabilities incurred while on active service in the present war?

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

Mr. REID:

1. What harbour boards in Canada are under the jurisdiction of the national harbours board?

2. What amounts of money have been loaned to the various harbour commissions and ports up to the end of 1941?

3. What is the amount outstanding to the government by the various harbour commissions in Canada up to the end of 1941, in (a) principal, (b) interest?

WAR APPROPRIATION BILL

PROVISION FOR GRANTING TO HIS MAJESTY AID FOR
NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide, *inter alia*,

1. That sums not exceeding \$2,000,000,000 be granted to his majesty towards defraying any expenses or making any advances or loans that may be incurred or granted by or under the authority of the governor in council during the year ending March 31, 1943, for—

(a) the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada;

(b) the conduct of naval, military and air operations in or beyond Canada;

(c) promoting the continuance of trade, industry and business communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against war risk or in any other manner whatsoever; and

(d) the carrying out of any measures deemed necessary or advisable by the governor in council in consequence of the existence of a state of war.

2. That the governor in council be empowered to raise by way of loan under the provisions of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$2,000,000,000 as may be required for the purpose of defraying such expenses or making such advances or loans, the principal and interest of any such loan to be a charge upon and payable out of the consolidated revenue fund.

3. That the governor in council be empowered to reexpend advance or loan moneys that may be received by way of refund or repayment of advances, loans or expenditure under the war appropriation acts of 1939 (second session), 1940, 1941 and 1942.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That a special committee consisting of Messrs. Bruce, Donnelly, Edwards, Fraser (Peterborough West), Lafontaine, Leger, McCulloch, Marier, Martin, Mitchell, Noseworthy, O'Brien, Reid, Shaw and Winkler be appointed to consider a bill intituled: "An Act to assist in the carrying on and coordination of vocational training" and that the said committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to report from time to time.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Is this not a departure from the usual practice—the setting up of a special committee before the bill is introduced?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The bill is referred to in resolution No. 9 under government orders.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The resolution is on the order paper, but to set up the committee before the resolution preceding the bill is introduced is, I think, unusual. I think this should stand until we get the bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Stand.

ALASKA HIGHWAY

INQUIRY WITH RESPECT TO BUILDING AND
FINANCING OF PROJECT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct an inquiry to the Prime Minister based on a Washington dispatch and to inquire what if anything is taking place or has taken place with respect