4. What is the total cost to date for: (a) secretarial assistance; (b) clerical assistance; (c) preparation of stenographers' reports of proceedings of the said commission?

Mr. DUNNING: The information asked for in this question is given in an order for return tabled to-day, asked for by Mr. Edwards.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

Mr. COLDWELL:

1. What were the number of home improvement loans and the amount advanced between March 1, 1937, and February 28, 1938, by provinces?

2. What were the number of family units provided under the said Act between March 1, 1937, and February 28, 1938, by provinces?

3. What were the number of applications for loans from March 1, 1937, to February 28, 1938, by provinces?

Mr. DUNNING:

1.	Number	Amount
Prince Edward Island..	384	$ 101,337.85
Nova Scotia..	2,451	758,445.74
New Brunswick..	1,186	406,979.31
Quebec..	4,423	2,206,391.60
Ontario..	13,762	5,448,892.07
Manitoba..	2,050	780,697.70
Saskatchewan..	770	270,012.30
Alberta..	2,279	985,489.22
British Columbia.. ..	3,192	1,021,510.27
	30,497	$11,979,756.06

2. If this question relates to the Home Improvement Loans Guarantee Act and not to the Dominion Housing Act, no information can be given. Many home improvement loans are for the purposes of converting single unit houses into multiple unit houses but the information regarding the total number of family units provided is not compiled.

3. Applications for home improvement loans are made in the first instance to chartered banks and other approved lending institutions and they do not report the number of applications received.

CANADA-UNITED KINGDOM TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. PURDY:

1. When do the United Kingdom-Canada trade agreements expire?

2. Is the United Kingdom bound to renew these agreements if requested to do so by Canada?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. In accordance with the provisions of article 17 of the Canada-United Kingdom trade agreement it will remain in force until the 20th August, 1940. Unless six months before

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the 20th August, 1940, notice of termination shall have been given by either government to the other, the agreement will remain in force until the expiry of six months from the date on which a notice of termination is given.

2. No.

*EXCHEQUER COURT CASES

Mr. BLACK:

1. How many cases are actually under advisement before each of the honourable judges of the Exchequer Court of Canada?

2. What are the parties in each of these cases?

3. How long have they been under advisement?

4. If any case has been under advisement more than three months, what are the reasons why judgment has not been rendered before?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): The government has no information.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

JOSEPH PHILIPPE ROLAND ROY

Mr. MacNEIL:

1. For what period, and with what rank was Joseph Philippe Roland Roy attached with a commission to the permanent active militia?

2. What were the units to which this officer was attached?

3. Were the annual confidential reports of his senior officers throughout this period favourable or unfavourable?

4. Were any charges of misconduct made against him during service and upheld by formal inquiry?

5. Under what authority, and for what reasons was this officer retired from the force?

6. Did this officer request an official enquiry upon retirement in order to clear his record and character of any aspersions cast thereon? If such enquiry was refused, under whose authority and for what reasons?

7. Was he granted full pay and allowances until effective date of retirement or any gratuity or pension to which he might ordinarily be entitled?

8. At what rank was he retired?

VEGETABLE OILS

Mr. BARBER:

1. What is the amount in pounds of vegetable oil, not for food, imported into Canada during each of the years 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, and 1936?

2. Is any of this vegetable oil imported, not for food, processed and sold as shortening or for other edible purposes?

3. How much vegetable oil imported, not for food was refined and sold as vegetable oil shortening during each of the years 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, and 1936?