

*Canadians in Japan*

4. How many radio licences were issued in each province, and in the Yukon Territory, in 1941?

Mr. HOWE:

1. 1,615,473.
2. \$3,904,016.
3. \$473,115.84 (commissions \$275,738.65; administration \$197,377.19).

4.	1941-42
British Columbia . . . . .	137,363
Alberta . . . . .	120,930
Saskatchewan . . . . .	121,084
Manitoba . . . . .	103,807
Ontario . . . . .	603,331
Quebec . . . . .	399,722
Nova Scotia . . . . .	71,429
New Brunswick . . . . .	48,425
Prince Edward Island . . .	8,644
Yukon . . . . .	173
Northwest Territories . . .	565

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Above figures from 1st April, 1941, to 31st March, 1942 (not final for fiscal year).

#### QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

##### OLD AGE PENSIONS

Mr. JACKMAN:

1. How many pensions are being paid under the Old Age Pensions Act in each of the provinces of Canada as of a recent date?
2. What is the average amount paid to each individual pensioner?
3. What is the aggregate cost to the dominion and provincial governments of all pensions paid under the Old Age Pensions Act during the last available calendar year, or twelve months fiscal period?
4. What would have been the additional cost to the dominion government if the maximum pension had been raised from \$20 to \$25 per month during such twelve-month period?
5. What would have been the estimated cost under the act to the dominion government during such twelve-month period if the pensionable age had been lowered to 65 years instead of 70 years?
6. What was the cost of administration to the dominion government during such twelve-month period?
7. What amount was recovered by the dominion government during such twelve-month period under, (a) section 9, subsection 2, of the Old Age Pensions Act; (b) section 9, subsection 3, of the Old Age Pensions Act?
8. What would be the estimated cost under the act to the dominion government of granting an old age pension of \$25 per month to all citizens of Canada, irrespective of private means, on the basis of the 1941 census, (a) on the basis of the 70-year age limit; (b) on the basis of the 65-year age limit?

[Mr. Hanson (Skeena).]

9. How much was paid to each province by the dominion government under the Old Age Pensions Act during 1930, 1940 and 1941?

10. At what time or times were audits made of the accounts and other records of each province relating to old age pensions?

#### PRIVILEGE—Mr. CLAXTON

REFERENCE TO STATEMENT OF MR. POULIOT IN DEBATE ON MAY 5

Mr. BROOKE CLAXTON (St. Lawrence-St. George): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. Speaking in the house on Tuesday, the hon. member for Témiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) is reported at page 2166 of *Hansard* to have referred to a report in the *New York Times* of a speech which I made at Williamstown. The hon. member states that I said, quoting this report:

We cannot afford to fight in North America, dominion parliamentarian warns.

The quotation ends, and the hon. member goes on:

Imagine! If the enemy comes here, we must surrender at once.

What I said was:

The only place where we cannot afford to defeat the enemy is in North America. We cannot afford to wait until the enemy is here.

I should think that every hon. member would agree with that sentiment.

#### VICHY REPRESENTATION

STATUS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS—RETURN TO CANADA OF MR. DUPUY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I may say to the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) that Mr. Dupuy has arrived on this continent to-day and I expect he will be in Ottawa this evening.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Good.

#### CANADIANS IN JAPAN

TRANSFER OF PROTECTION OF CANADIAN INTERESTS FROM ARGENTINA TO SWITZERLAND

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): In accordance with the government's policy of making public as quickly as possible all reliable information received about the welfare of Canadians in enemy hands, a statement about conditions in Hong Kong, received from the British embassy in Chungking, was given to the press last night. It reads:

His Majesty's representative at Chungking reported that he has received information from