

SCARCITY OF BEEF

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Is there a scarcity of beef in Montreal and other Canadian cities? If so, why?
2. Has the government undertaken, or does it propose to undertake a careful inquiry to fix responsibility for such scarcity?
3. What steps does the government propose to take to deal with this situation?

Mr. GARDINER:

1. Some shortage in beef supplies has occurred since April first in some of the larger consuming centres in eastern Canada due to higher prices for certain classes of cattle in the export market than those offered in the Canadian market.
2. No investigation is considered necessary.
3. Proposals have been under consideration but decision has been deferred pending further market developments.

EXPORTS OF BEEF

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Has Canada exported any beef to the United States since January 1, 1942?
2. If so, what was the quantity for the months of January, February, March and April, 1942, respectively?
3. What quantities of Canadian beef were exported to the United States during the corresponding months in the years 1941, 1940 and 1939?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

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Exports of fresh beef to the United States:

	1939	1940	1941	1942
Month	100 lb.	100 lb.	100 lb.	100 lb.
January	1,100	361	304	15,898
February	1,082	226	121	12,204
March	1,803	247	98	13,050
April	352	169	55	951

EMPLOYMENT OF CANADIAN NATIONALS IN UNITED STATES DEFENCE INDUSTRIES

Mr. CARDIFF:

1. Has the attention of the Department of External Affairs been directed to a situation said to obtain in the United States where Canadian nationals in the United States are and have been refused employment by companies in the United States engaged in defence orders?
2. If so, what representations have been made by the department to the government of the United States?
3. What results, if any, have accrued as a result of such representations?
4. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, is the practice continuing, and if so, what further action does the department propose to take in the premises?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. Yes. Complaints have been received from various sources.
2. The Canadian Legation in Washington has discussed these complaints with the competent authorities of the government of the United States and the matter has also been discussed at a recent meeting of the Joint Economic Committees of Canada and the United States.
3. The government of the United States is endeavouring to eliminate discriminations against citizens of the united nations and the President, the Attorney-General, the Federal Security Administrator and other officials of the United States government have appealed to employers to stop these discriminations.
4. It is impossible to say how far these measures have been effective. The question is receiving continued attention and is being considered by the Joint Economic Committees as part of the wider question of the most effective use of manpower.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

MILITARY SERVICE—AGES 18 TO 30—NUMBERS MOBILIZED, REJECTED OR EXEMPT

Mr. JEAN:

1. According to the latest statistics what is the number, in each province, of (a) young men of 18, 19 and 20 years of age; (b) young men of 21, 22, 23 and 24 years; (c) young men of 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 years?
2. What is the number in each province of those actually mobilized or in active service in each category?
3. What is the number, by provinces, of those who have been declared incapable of military service?
4. What is the number, by provinces of young men between 18 and 30 years of age who are exempt from military service under the law or by reason of their beliefs?

Mr. THORSON: Return tabled.

PARCELS TO PRISONERS OF WAR

Mr. CHURCH:

1. How many ships are now engaged in carrying parcels to Canadian prisoners of war in enemy and enemy controlled countries?
2. Who charters such ships and have any of them been sunk?
3. Has any official statement yet been published or received by the government from the Red Cross regarding the delivery of parcels to Canadians in all enemy countries?
4. How many parcels per month or week have been delivered to Canadian prisoners?
5. Is the government aware that friends in Canada of our war prisoners have become alarmed by statements in the British press and