

## Questions

benefiting from the advance will not wish to pay it off until some later date, for example, following an agreement on the long-term credit, they are requested to agree to the payment of interest except in those cases where the advances made by Canada are offset by arrears of payments owing by Canada to the other country in question. The rate of interest requested by Canada is an appropriate short-term rate where the advance is to be repaid in cash and the rate applicable under a long-term credit agreement, where the advance is to be repaid out of a credit provided by Canada. In accordance with this policy agreement has been reached with the government of France for the payment of interest on the advances made to France at the rate of 3 per cent per annum and the government of the U.S.S.R. has been requested to pay interest on the advances made to it, the rate depending on whether the advances are to be paid in cash or from the proceeds of the credit.

## SURPLUS WAR ASSETS

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. What was the total value of the buildings, equipment, supplies, and other materials (a) sold; (b) exchanged; (c) loaned; (d) leased; (e) otherwise disposed of, by the Minister of Munitions and Supply as of February 1, 1946, under the Surplus Crown Assets Act?

2. What was the total amount received by the government for the materials referred to?

3. Who are the members of the Crown Assets Allocation Committee?

4. Will the Minister of Munitions and Supply provide this house with a complete accounting of the operations of the Crown Assets Allocation Committee and the disposal of surpluses under the Surplus Crown Assets Act?

5. What is the total amount allowed to manufacturing and other firms in double depreciation in the reconversion plans to date?

Mr. McILRAITH: It is impossible to answer the first question as it is worded. I discussed the matter with the hon. member and I understand that he is prepared to drop the first and second questions without prejudice to his right to reword the questions at a later time.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: That was agreed.

Mr. McILRAITH: The answers to 3, 4 and 5 as are as follows:

3. Chairman: J. H. Berry, President, War Assets Corporation.

Members: Percy Bengough, President, Trades and Labour Congress of Canada (Representing Labour). J. F. Desmarais, Ibrerville, P.Q. (Representing Agriculture). W. D. Matthews, Chief Administrative Officer Department of External Affairs. E. P. Murphy, Deputy Minister, Department of Public

[Mr. Mayhew.]

Works. B. G. McIntyre, Comptroller of the Treasury. A. Ross, Deputy Minister, Department of National Defence (Army). Finlay Sims, Secretary, Department of Trade and Commerce. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, Ottawa (Representing the Householders of Canada). I. T. Earl Walker, Department of Transport. W. S. Woods, Deputy Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs.

4. Under the Surplus Crown Assets Act an annual report, prepared in such form as the Auditor-General may prescribe and containing in reasonable detail particulars of surplus crown assets sold or otherwise disposed of is tabled each year as soon as possible after the 31st of March.

5. Double depreciation has been allowed on capital expenditures amounting to \$270,930,-979.12 as of March 23, 1946.

WAR ASSETS CORPORATION—PRINCE RUPERT AREA—  
EMPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS

Mr. ARCHIBALD:

1. Has War Assets Corporation any American citizens in its employ in the Prince Rupert area?

2. If so, what is being done to replace such persons with Canadians?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. Yes; two.

2. One of them has applied for naturalization papers; the other will be replaced on resignation.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE—SASKATCHEWAN—  
CROP FAILURE BONUS PAYMENTS

Mr. McKAY:

What crop failure bonus payments have been made to mortgage or trust companies directly or through their agents in the province of Saskatchewan under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act during (a) 1944; (b) 1945?

Mr. GARDINER:

(a) None; (b) none.

## STEVENSON FIELD AIRPORT, WINNIPEG

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. Have any definite plans been made for enlarging the airport at Stevenson Field, Winnipeg (a) immediately; or (b) by successive stages?

2. If the answer to question 1(b) is yes, what are the various stages contemplated?

3. Has an estimate been prepared as to the cost of the same?

4. When will work commence on the first of these stages?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. No definite plans have been approved but studies, of a preliminary nature, have been made and are continuing.

2, 3 and 4. Answered by 1.