

Questions

BRITISH IMMIGRANTS

Mr. LECLERC:

1. How many British immigrants have entered Canada each year since 1935?
2. Of that number, how many are of military age?

Mr. CRERAR:

| Fiscal years | From overseas | From U.S.A. | Totals |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 1935-36..... | 2,049 | 3,103 | 5,152 |
| 1936-37..... | 2,264 | 3,063 | 5,327 |
| 1937-38..... | 2,972 | 3,341 | 6,313 |
| 1938-39..... | 3,373 | 3,317 | 6,690 |
| 1939-40..... | 3,566 | 3,365 | 6,931 |
| 1940-41..... | 3,104 | 4,898 | 8,002 |
| Totals..... | 17,328 | 21,087 | 38,415 |

The term "from overseas" includes British immigrants from all parts of the world, except the United States.

2. The total (38,415) includes males and females. There were 8,948 males between the ages of 20 and 50, as indicated in the following groups—

| Ages | From overseas | From U.S.A. | Totals |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 20-24..... | 1,078 | 748 | 1,826 |
| 25-29..... | 1,072 | 795 | 1,867 |
| 30-39..... | 1,390 | 1,641 | 3,031 |
| 40-50..... | 784 | 1,440 | 2,224 |
| Totals..... | 4,324 | 4,624 | 8,948 |

No figures are available to show from what countries the British immigrants from overseas came. However, recently a special compilation was made for the calendar year 1941 to ascertain how many male immigrants over the age of 18 had arrived in Canada. The total was 774. Of these, 96 came from the British Isles, 470 from Newfoundland and 208 from other countries. Of the 96 from the British Isles—

- 18 were from 18 to 29 years of age
- 38 were from 30 to 40 years of age
- 40 were 41 years of age or over.

GOLDEN BALL GARAGE, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Mr. HAZEN:

1. Has the government paid any money to General Realty Company, Limited, Saint John, New Brunswick, on account of rental for that part of the Golden Ball garage it leased on January 15, 1941?
2. If so, how much and when?

Mr. RALSTON:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.

[Mr. Thorson.]

CANADIAN PRISONERS OF WAR—JAPAN

Mr. REID:

Have any steps been taken by the government to send food supplies for the use of Canadian soldiers now held prisoners of war by Japan?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Allied governments, the nationals of whose countries are prisoners of war of Japan, are alike concerned with the Canadian government in the matter of sending food supplies for the use of soldiers now held prisoners of war in the far east. The Canadian government is associated with the other governments concerned in taking every possible step in this matter.

PURCHASE OF CHOCOLATE FOR CANADIAN ARMY

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Has the government awarded a contract for the supply of chocolate for the army?
2. If so, to whom was this contract awarded?
3. Was it sublet?
4. If so, to whom?
5. What will be the total expenditure in connection with this contract?

Mr. HOWE:

1. No.
- 2, 3, 4 and 5. Answered by 1.

PURCHASE OF PORK AND BACON FROM CANADA PACKERS

Mr. LACOMBE:

1. Did the government purchase pork and bacon from Canada Packers during the years 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942 for use of the army?
2. If so, what amount in each of these years?
3. At what price per pound?
4. Were all of such materials used entirely by the army?
5. Were the sides or fat portions used for the needs of the army?
6. If not, were they resold?
7. To whom and at what price?

Mr. RALSTON: I want to ask my hon. friend to drop this question in the form in which it now appears. If you will look at it, Mr. Speaker, you will see that it would involve work which I am sure my hon. friend would not ask to have done at this particular time. He wants to know the pork and bacon purchased by the government from Canada Packers for the use of the army during 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942; the amounts for each year; the price per pound—and the price per pound varies I think every three months; then he comes to what I believe must be the real text of his question, whether the materials were used entirely for the army and whether any were resold. If my hon. friend would reframe his question, giving particulars of the place or district to which he is referring and also the