

5. Answered by No. 3.

6. There is no officer of Admiral's rank in the Royal Canadian Navy. The Senior Canadian Naval Officer is Commodore P. W. Nelles, Director of the Naval Service and Chief of the Naval Staff, with Headquarters at Ottawa.

7. The total appropriation of the Canadian naval service for the present fiscal year is \$4,548,046.

The following personnel were serving on 1st January, 1938:—

Royal Canadian Navy—	
Officers	114
Ratings	1,196
Royal Canadian Naval Reserve—	
Officers	53
Ratings	165
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve—	
Officers	100
Ratings	1,040

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS

Mr. WINKLER:

1. Are the arrears in soldiers' settlement payments relatively greater in the drought areas of the prairie provinces than elsewhere?

2. Are there any special areas in other provinces—British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec or the maritimes—where crop failures have comparably restricted the ability of the soldier settlers to meet their payments?

3. What areas in the three prairie provinces have been most seriously affected by drought in the past seven years?

4. In view of the inability through crop failures of many soldier settlers in the drought areas to avail themselves of the dollar for dollar bonus scheme, does the government propose any measures to assist settlers to overcome their burden of arrears: (a) by continuation of the bonus after March 31, 1938; (b) by other remedial legislation?

Mr. CRERAR:

1. Yes.

2. No. Crop failures have occurred intermittently in scattered localities from various causes, such as hail and grasshoppers.

3. The boundaries of the drought area in Canada are approximately as follows:—

In Alberta, beginning on the International boundary at approximately range 22, west of the fourth meridian, south of Lethbridge, extending northwest to Irricana then following an irregular arc northeast to Stettler, Wainwright, and along the Battle river to the Saskatchewan boundary.

In Saskatchewan, following the Battle and North Saskatchewan rivers to township 39, range 7, west of the third meridian, approximately 40 miles northeast of Saskatoon, then south and east to the Qu'Appelle river about north of Regina, and along this river to the Manitoba boundary.

In Manitoba (with the exception of 1937), following the Qu'Appelle and Assiniboine rivers to Brandon and then southeast to the vicinity of Morden.

4. (a) Under consideration.

(b) No. The department is facilitating applications from eligible settlers under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act.

*GOVERNMENT ELEVATOR LEASES: IMPORTS OF CORN

Mr. MARTIN:

1. What portion of the expenditure made by the dominion government during the years 1929 to 1936 inclusive at the port of Three Rivers, Quebec, were spent in the development of the site leased to the Three Rivers Grain and Elevator Company Limited?

2. What rental does the government receive from the Three Rivers Grain and Elevator Company Limited?

3. What expenditure was made by the dominion government in developing the site at Sorel, Quebec, leased by the government to North America Elevators Limited?

4. What rental does the government receive from North American Elevators Limited for such site?

5. What quantity of Argentine corn arrived at the elevator of the Quebec Harbour Commission at Quebec city between September 25, 1936, and December 31, 1936?

6. What grain firms were the importers of such corn and at what rate or rates was storage charged and collected for the period such corn remained in store in the said elevator?

7. What has been the expenditure at the ports of Windsor, Sarnia, Goderich, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Midland, Ontario, and Three Rivers, Quebec, for the years 1922 to 1936 inclusive?

8. What are the quantities of corn imported into Canada in each of the years 1930 to 1937 inclusive for each of the following purposes: (a) starch manufacturing; (b) cereal manufacturing; (c) distilling; (d) other purposes, and what in each case was the country of origin?

9. (a) What were the quantities of Argentine corn imported into Canada between September 25, 1936, and December 31, 1936; (b) what were the quantities of corn arriving at each of the various ports in Canada where such corn was unloaded from ocean boats; (c) what was the highest, lowest, and average c.i.f. price of such corn?

Mr. HOWE: The government have no information with regard to a number of these items. I suggest that question be dropped.

Question dropped.

MIDDLE ROAD, BURLINGTON RAILWAY CROSSING

Mr. LENNARD:

1. When was the protective equipment at the railway crossing on the middle road at Burlington, Ontario, installed?

2. How long was this after the four-lane highway was opened to traffic?

3. Was there any form of temporary protection at this crossing before the regular equipment was installed?