

Mr. St. Laurent, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of letter of the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, dated February 13, 1948, to the Polish Charge d'Affaires, at Ottawa, respecting the whereabouts of certain Polish Art Treasures which had been brought to Canada by the Polish authorities in 1940 for safekeeping.

Mr. Gardiner, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of February 18, 1948, for a Return showing:—1. What Canadian foodstuffs in the raw or processed state are under agreement of sale to Great Britain?

2. Are these foodstuffs shipped by private interests or by Government Boards?

3. If by Boards, which foodstuff is shipped by each Board?

4. What was the amount of the agreement for each product in each of the years for which the agreements were made?

5. What was the dollar value and quantity shipped of each product to Great Britain during each of the years for which agreements were made?

6. Are the proceeds obtained from Britain for these commodities collected by the Boards?

7. If so, has any surplus of these proceeds accumulated in the hands of the Boards?

8. How much for each commodity?

9. Will it be distributed among the producers?

Mr. McCann, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of March 3, 1948, for a copy of all directives sent to administrative officials in Income Tax Offices since January 1, 1947 to date, with respect to farm income tax payments.

Mr. Gregg moved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the legislation relating to pensions, treatment and re-establishment of former members of His Majesty's armed forces and of other persons who have been otherwise engaged in pursuits closely related to war, and to make recommendations from time to time in respect thereto.

That the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee.

That the Committee shall have leave to sit while the House is sitting.

That eighteen members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

That the Committee shall consist of Messrs. Baker, Belzile, Benidickson, Bentley, Blair, Blanchette, Brooks, Croll, Cruickshank, Dickey, Dion, Emerson, Gauthier (Portneuf), Gregg, Green, Harris (Grey-Bruce), Harkness, Heridge, Isnor, Jutras, Langlois, Lennard, MacNaught, McKay, Marshall, Moore, Mutch, Pearkes, Quelch, Ross (Souris), Skey, Tucker, Viau, White (Hastings-Peterborough), Wright, and that paragraph 1 of Standing Order 65 be suspended in relation thereto.

And a Debate arising thereon;

Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Green, moved in amendment thereto: That the motion be amended by inserting after the word "forces" in the third line thereof, the following:—

"including the Merchant Navy".