

Mr. HARRIS (Danforth): Would the minister give us also the story regarding the commonwealth air training No. 1 depot at Toronto, the small arms ammunition plant at Long Branch, the development at Pickering, Ontario, and the new development at Scarborough? Perhaps the minister could give us this information on Monday next.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Lapointe (Quebec East) the house adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

**Monday, February 24, 1941.**

The house met at three o'clock.

**QUESTIONS**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**GRADING OF HOGS**

**Mr. MCGREGOR:**

1. Under the prevailing system of rail grading of hogs, into how many grades do hog carcasses fall?
2. What is the base or foundation grade called?
3. What are the names of higher grades, if any?
4. What premium over the price for the base grade is paid for each higher grade?
5. What are the names of lower grades, if any?
6. What deduction from the price for the base grade is made for each lower grade?
7. How, and by whom, is the difference in each grade determined?
8. How, and by whom, are the differentials in the price paid for each grade determined?

**Mr. GARDINER:**

1. There are five main quality grades for hog carcasses. Including all sub-divisions, there are fifteen different classifications.
2. "B 1" grade.
3. "A" grade.
4. One dollar per head premium is paid for "A" grade carcasses.
- 5 & 6. Deductions from basic grade: B 2 50 cents per head; B 3 \$1.50 per head; C 1 \$1 per head; C 2 \$1 per head; C 3 \$2 per head; D 1 \$1.50 per head; D 2 \$1.50 per head; D 3 \$2.50 per head; light, \$2.50 per head; heavy, \$3 per head; extra heavy, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; sows, approximately \$5 per cwt.; E grade, at value.

Note: These deductions vary according to time and place. The above are believed to be in effect in Toronto at the present time.

7. The standards of quality for the various grades are established by the department, while the actual grading of carcasses is done by official graders appointed by the Civil Service Commission.

8. In 1922, the premium on the select bacon grade was established by agreement between the department and the joint swine committee, the membership of which includes representatives of various producers organizations. Subsequent modifications in the method of calculating the premium have been decided in the same way. On at least two occasions, general conferences of producers and live stock shippers were called to discuss grading and settlements for hogs and, in addition, provincial departments of agriculture were consulted.

The deductions on undesirable grades are established within the trade, between buyer and seller, according to the commercial value of the various qualities.

**WAR REFUGEES**

**Mr. ROY:**

1. Has an agreement been reached between the dominion government and that of the province of Quebec on the subject of war refugees?
2. If so, what is the nature of such agreement?
3. Is such agreement the same for all the other provinces of Canada?

**Mr. CRERAR:**

1. No formal agreement has been reached with the government of the province of Quebec on the subject of war refugees. There is, however, a general understanding between the dominion and all the provinces regarding the movement of British children from overseas to Canada. The understanding reached was that the children coming to Canada under this movement would be taken care of for the duration of the war. The provinces agreed to accept the responsibility for their placement and general aftercare, using the existing facilities in each province without cost to the dominion, the dominion agreeing to reimburse them for any additional costs they might incur.

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

**GASPÉ AND MAGDALEN ISLANDS CHIEF CENSUS OFFICER**

**Mr. ROY:**

1. Who has been named chief census officer for the county of Gaspé and the Magdalen islands?
2. By whom was he recommended for the position?

**Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):**

1. Gaspé North, Louis Marie Keable; Gaspé South and Magdalen Islands, Terrance Pidgeon.
2. The Minister of Trade and Commerce.