

## Questions

Butter—Minimum prices for first grade creamery butter delivered to the purchaser May 1945—April 1946.

	Alta., Sask., Man.	B.C., Ont., Que.	P.E.I., N.B., N.S.
	Cents	Cents	Cents
May, 1945 .....	30	32	33
June, 1945 .....	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	33 $\frac{3}{4}$
July, 1945 .....	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	33 $\frac{3}{4}$
August, 1945 ....	31 $\frac{1}{8}$	33 $\frac{1}{8}$	34 $\frac{1}{8}$
September, 1945 .	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
October, 1945 ...	31 $\frac{5}{8}$	33 $\frac{5}{8}$	34 $\frac{5}{8}$
November, 1945..	32 $\frac{1}{4}$	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	35 $\frac{1}{4}$
December, 1945 to April, 1946 ...	32 $\frac{5}{8}$	34 $\frac{5}{8}$	35 $\frac{5}{8}$

Wheat—\$1.25 per bushel basis No. 1 North-ern, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver.

#### OFFICERS WITHOUT OVERSEAS SERVICE APPOINTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE SINCE 1939

##### Mr. HATFIELD:

1. How many naval officers, who have never seen service on the high seas or on warships in a danger zone, have been appointed to positions in the civil service or on government boards since 1939? What are their names and what are their positions and salaries?

2. How many army officers, who have not seen active service in any theatre of war, have been appointed to positions in the civil service or on government boards since 1939? What are their names and what are their positions and salaries?

3. How many air force officers, who have not seen active service in any theatre of war, have been appointed to positions in the civil service or on government boards since 1939? What are their names and what are their positions and salaries?

Mr. MARTIN: The information which my hon. friend asks for in this question is not on file in the various departments of the government. To answer the question, every former officer appointed to the civil service since 1939 would have to be interviewed to learn the full extent of his military service. Civil service preference in appointments is given former members of the armed forces for overseas service. No account is taken of overseas zones where a man was posted during military service. Former service men with military service in Canada only, except in the case of a pensioner, are given no preferences over the civilian without military service. Accordingly I suggest that the question be dropped.

Question dropped.

#### ARMY BUILDING, CARTIER SQUARE, OTTAWA

##### Mr. HOMUTH:

1. What expenditures, if any, have been made changing and remodelling the new army building on Cartier square since September 1, 1945?

2. What further expenditure, if any, is contemplated?

[Mr. Gardiner.]

##### Mr. FOURNIER (Hull):

1. \$5,212.

2. Further alterations requested by the Department of National Defence estimated to cost \$357.

#### WAR EXCHANGE TAX—DRAWBACK ON MACHINERY

##### Mr. FRASER:

1. What was the total amount of drawback of war exchange tax respecting articles and materials for machinery and apparatus used in the manufacture, or production, of goods in Canada from the date this drawback came into effect on May 14, 1945, to October 31, 1945?

2. Is this order respecting this tax still in force?

##### Mr. McCANN:

1. No drawback has been paid to date. It is possible that inquiry has reference to exemption from war exchange tax provided by order in council No. 3408, dated May 10, 1945, and, if so, no record was maintained of value of items permitted entry free from this tax, so amount of exemption is not available.

2. The budget resolutions propose to rescind the war exchange tax on all goods effective October 13, 1945.

#### C.P.R. EMPLOYEES—WINNIPEG STRIKE OF 1919—PENSION RIGHTS

##### Mr. KNOWLES:

1. With reference to the statement of the Prime Minister as recorded in *Hansard* of April 12, 1945, page 817, has consideration been given to the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the matter of the pension rights of Canadian Pacific employees who were involved in the general strike at Winnipeg in 1919?

2. If so, what steps have been taken to establish this commission?

##### Mr. MITCHELL:

1. See answer to question No. 2.

2. An officer of the Department of Labour was instructed to make a thorough investigation into this matter and to obtain written statements from all parties involved, including the company. His report is expected very shortly. When said report has been received consideration will be given to a decision as to the next appropriate step which can usefully be taken.

#### SURPLUS WAR ASSETS—OTTAWA TEMPORARY BUILDINGS

##### Mr. CASTLEDEN:

1. Have the government temporary buildings on Wellington street, Ottawa, been declared surplus?

2. Has Surplus War Assets Corporation or the War Allocation Committee disposed of these?

3. If so, to whom were they sold and at what price?

4. What was the original cost of these buildings?