

**PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE—IRRIGATION DAM ON
SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER**

Mr. THATCHER:

1. Have P.F.R.A. officials located a suitable site, on which to locate a dam, for irrigation purposes on the South Saskatchewan river?
2. Are any surveyors, engineers, or other officials engaged at the present time on the South Saskatchewan irrigation project?
3. If so, how many?
4. Have any contracts been let, or tenders called in connection with the above project?

Mr. GARDINER:

1. No. Several sites are under investigation.
2. Yes.
3. Four survey parties and three drilling outfits.
4. No, except for exploratory test drilling.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. How many employees are there in the National Film Board (a) in Canada; (b) outside of Canada?
2. (a) How many offices are there in the United States; (b) how many employees are there in each of said offices; (c) when were said offices established, and for what reason?

Mr. CLAXTON:

The information asked for is as follows:

1. (a) 731 as of April 30, 1946; (b) 20 as of April 30, 1946.
2. (a) Three; in New York, Washington and Chicago.
- (b) Number of employees in New York—3 as of April 30, 1946; number of employees in Washington—3 as of April 30, 1946; number of employees in Chicago—2 as of April 30, 1946.

(c) The New York office was established on May 23, 1943, for the purpose of facilitating the commercial and noncommercial distribution of films with film companies, distribution agencies and government information services having headquarters in New York and also assisting in producing films.

The Washington office was established in April, 1943, with a view to assisting the Canadian embassy in its information work, to furthering co-operation in film matters between departments of the Canadian and United States governments and to represent the board in its relations with the headquarters of national organizations interested in the use of film.

The Chicago office was established on January 1, 1943, to develop non-theatrical distribution throughout the United States and particularly to encourage the use of Canadian films by educational film organizations with headquarters in Chicago and the middle west.

[Mr. Mayhew.]

All these offices have assisted in the exhibition and production of films in connection with international conferences.

Mr. WINKLER:

1. Did the National Film Board within the past five years secure and (or) distribute films depicting (a) collective farming in Russia; (b) collective health services in Russia?
2. If so, in what sections of Canada were these films shown?
3. Did the National Film Board cooperate with or assist any of the provincial adult education organizations in securing and (or) distributing films referred to as above? If so, in which provinces?

Mr. CLAXTON:

The information asked for is as follows:

1. (a) No, except for a short passage (1½ minutes) in one national film board film—"Inside Fighting Russia", which was produced in 1942 dealing with Russia's part in the war.
- (b) No.
2. All sections.
3. There is no record of such cooperation.

**QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR
RETURN**

**PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE—INSPECTORS—
BATTLE RIVER**

Mr. HARKNESS:

1. What are the names of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act inspectors who operated in the Battle River, Alberta, riding in 1945?
2. How many reports were made by each?
3. What was the salary and expenses paid to each?
4. How many inspectors have been working in this constituency during 1946?

LABOUR CONDITIONS

**SEAMEN'S STRIKE—DISRUPTION OF TRAFFIC ON
INLAND WATERWAYS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to repeat a question I asked of the Acting Prime Minister yesterday respecting the tie-up of traffic on the great lakes, a question which in his absence was answered, or at least to which a reply was given by the Minister of Labour, who indicated that he was meeting the operators yesterday afternoon. I am wondering if the minister could give us any information as a result of that meeting.

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): I met the operators yesterday afternoon, and am meeting the seamen immediately after the orders of the day are through to-day. My hon. friend came from Winnipeg; I think he has knowledge of industrial disputes and how they can be settled, and he knows that sometimes they take time.