

business and, though it is one-tenth of the number of banks, it does 1.8 per cent of the business.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: How many false coupons were found, approximately?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: In connection with this incident, it is not a matter of false coupons; it is a matter of the coupon accounts being overdrawn by the orders made for coupons. That was not a case of forged coupons being used; it was a case of the coupon accounts in certain branches being overdrawn.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: To what extent, approximately?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I do not remember exactly what it is, but I will let the hon. member see the full reports I have on the investigation, and he will realize what can be stated publicly about it at the present time without embarrassing the continuation of the investigation. Black market operations have to be checked constantly and those investigations are being continued to ascertain what outsiders were involved. When the hon. member sees the reports he will realize how far we should go in giving out details of what has been uncovered up to the present time.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

It being seven minutes past eleven o'clock, the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Monday, July 8, 1946

The house met at three o'clock.

EMERGENCY POWERS

CONTINUATION OF ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1946,
OR SIXTIETH DAY AFTER OPENING OF
1947 SESSION

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce bill No. 253, to amend the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN INDEMNITY COMPANY

Mr. RALPH MAYBANK (Winnipeg South Centre) moved the first reading of bill No. 246 (from the senate) respecting the Canadian Indemnity Company.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. RALPH MAYBANK (Winnipeg South Centre) moved the first reading of bill No. 247 (from the senate) respecting the Canadian Fire Insurance Company.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRESCOTT-OGDENSBURG BRIDGE COMPANY

Mr. D. A. CROLL (Spadina) moved the first reading of bill No. 248 (from the senate) to incorporate Prescott and Ogdensburg Bridge company.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions to be answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

VETERANS LAND ACT—CHARLESWOOD, MAN.

Mr. ROSS (Souris):

1. How many acres of land were purchased in Charleswood, Manitoba, for small holdings under the Veterans Land Act?
2. From whom was this land purchased and what price per acre was paid for the said land?
3. What distance is this property from Winnipeg city limits?

Mr. MACKENZIE:

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Vendor	Distance from Winnipeg city limits
Bleakley, Thos. J.....	3.2 miles
Graham, W. H.....	2 "
McQuade, Jos.....	4.5 "
Harstone Estate.....	4 "
Murray Estate.....	4 "
Manitoba Farm Loans Association	4.5 "

It is considered that the public disclosure as to details of prices paid for various lands purchased by the Veterans Land Act would be detrimental to the administration and operation of the act and not in the best interests of the veterans for whom the lands are purchased. This is in accord with statement made to the house on April 17, 1946, page 951 of *Hansard*, and on subsequent occasions.

Note: The answer does not include properties purchased for individuals on direct application.

CORN STARCH AND GLUCOSE—CEILING PRICE

Mr. HATFIELD:

What was the ceiling price on corn starch and glucose made from corn for the years 1942, 43, 44, 45 and 46 to date?