

Questions

tions)?", and no. 7, "How do tariffs, quotas and restrictions effect and/or interfere with purely local trade?" I suggest that one might write volumes on these two subjects and that they are scarcely proper in their present form as questions on the order paper. Perhaps, if they are allowed to stand, the hon. member will reconsider them.

Question stands.

SILVER CURRENCY AND POLICY RESPECTING PURCHASE OF SILVER

Mr. ELLIOTT (Kindersley):

1. How much silver, in coins, has been returned to the Canadian Mint during the years 1930 to 1937 inclusive, from all sources?
2. What amount of silver coin has been issued in denominations of 5, 10, 25, 50 and \$1 pieces, to chartered banks or other agencies during these same years?

	\$1.00	50c	25c	10c	Totals
1930.. . . . .	....	18,000	164,000	144,000	326,000
1931.. . . . .	....	34,000	212,000	229,400	475,400
1932.. . . . .	....	18,400	134,000	134,600	287,000
1933.. . . . .	....	....	97,000	58,000	155,000
1934.. . . . .	....	19,200	105,100	48,000	172,300
1935..	428,120	....	134,400	38,500	601,020
1936..	306,100	19,300	242,000	241,800	809,200
1937..	240,900	96,000	711,900	273,400	1,322,200
	975,120	204,900	1,800,400	1,167,700	4,148,120

There was no issue of silver five-cent pieces during these years.

3. What are the various reasons for the return of coins to the mint?
4. What is the government's present policy with regard to the purchase of silver?
5. Is there a set price, and what is the set price?

Mr. DUNNING:

1. Worn and mutilated silver coin returned to the Mint:

1930..	\$401,865 05
1931..	377,380 60
1932..	393,327 30
1933..	331,544 20
1934..	924,809 80
1935..	896,492 15
1936..	394,031 40
1937..	376,416 50
	<u>\$4,095,867 00</u>

2. Silver coin issued by the Mint:

3. Mutilation and excessive wear.
4. Other than silver contained in worn and mutilated coins redeemed by the Royal Canadian Mint, the only silver that the government is currently buying is the silver recovered from the refining of gold bullion deposited at the Mint.
5. There is no set price. Under the Mint regulations, the rate to be paid for silver in excess of 1 per cent of the weight of the bullion deposited shall be one cent below the average for the week in which the deposit is made of the daily London quotation for standard silver from Monday to Friday, inclusive, converted into the equivalent for fine silver in Canadian funds at the average of the daily rate of exchange between Montreal and London calculated to the nearest one-eighth of a cent.

[Mr. Dunning.]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE—MEAT SUPPLIES

Mr. LENNARD:

1. Who is supplying the meat for the Royal Military College at Kingston for the year 1937-38?
2. Was the contract for such supply awarded by tender?
3. If so, from whom were tenders received, and what are the particulars of the tender in each case?

NATIONAL DEFENCE—ARMOURIES AND BARRACKS

Mr. MacNEIL:

1. What is the number of: (a) armouries; (b) barracks, under the control of the Department of National Defence?
2. Where are these armouries and barracks situated?