

*Motions for Papers*

5. What is the amount paid out in pensions to the blind for each of the six months January to June inclusive, in each of the years 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948?

6. What is the amount paid out in pensions to the blind for each of the six months July to December in each of the years 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949?

7. What is the amount paid out for family allowances in each of the months January to June, inclusive, 1949?

8. What is the amount paid out for family allowances during each of the months January to June inclusive, for the years 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948?

9. What is the amount paid out for family allowances in each of the months July to December in each of the years 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949?

10. What is the amount of any other direct payments made to Canadian citizens by the Department of National Health and Welfare during each of the months January to June inclusive, 1949, for reasons other than family allowances, old age pensions and pensions for the blind?

## PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE—SASKATCHEWAN

**Mr. Wright:**

1. What sections were ruled ineligible for payment under P.F.A.A. in 1949 in township 36, range 7, west of the 3rd meridian?

2. What was the average yield of these sections?

3. How many sections, if any, had less than ten bushels per acre?

4. Under what section of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act were these sections declared ineligible?

5. Under what section of the act was the remainder of the township declared eligible?

6. What townships or parts of townships adjoining township 36, range 7, west of the 3rd meridian, were eligible for P.F.A.A. payments?

PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION—  
SASKATCHEWAN**Mr. Argue:**

1. What are the names and addresses of all persons employed under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act in Saskatchewan during the year 1949?

2. What sum of money was paid to each person as (a) salary or wages; (b) sustenance; (c) mileage; (d) other allowances, and what was the nature of the work performed by each?

3. How many persons were employed (a) part time; (b) full time in 1949?

4. What was the total sum paid to all (a) part time employees; (b) full time employees?

5. At what rate are (a) salaries or wages; (b) sustenance; (c) mileage; (d) other allowances, paid to common labour, foremen, all other employees under this act?

## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

## UNEMPLOYMENT—INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICES

**Mr. Knowles:**

For a copy of all directives and instructions issued to unemployment insurance offices since January 1, 1949, having to do with the handling of unemployment, including ways and means of dealing with applications for unemployment insurance benefits; advice as to the meaning of the words "suitable employment"; any special directives or instructions with reference to displaced persons, and any other related matters.

**Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle):** Before the question is put, Mr. Speaker, I wish to remind

the house that this motion, in principle, would be objectionable as being against the rules of the house, since it refers to the production of departmental papers. But upon reading it, hon. members will realize that it refers to instructions and directives from the unemployment insurance commission to the field staff of the commission, which instructions would fall in the category of public papers. I therefore wish to waive any objection and to allow the motion to pass, now that this explanation has been made.

**Mr. Knowles:** Thank you.

UNEMPLOYMENT—REPORTS TO UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE COMMISSION**Mr. Knowles:**

For a copy of all reports made to the unemployment insurance commission and/or to the Minister or deputy minister of Labour, dated since September 1, 1949, having to do with the unemployment situation.

**Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle):** I should have liked to adopt the same attitude with regard to this motion, Mr. Speaker, but unfortunately it is impossible to waive any objection here. These are departmental papers of a strictly privileged character, and should be treated as such. On that ground I respectfully submit that this motion is out of order.

**Mr. Knowles:** May I ask the parliamentary assistant a question? Would the motion be acceptable to the government if the words "and/or to the Minister or deputy minister of Labour" were deleted? That would leave the motion asking simply for reports made to the unemployment insurance commission itself.

**Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle):** If I may, Mr. Speaker, I should like to request the privilege of giving an analysis of what is involved in this request for an order of the house for the production of these papers.

Reports having to do with the unemployment situation coming to the Minister or deputy minister of Labour which are prepared and made from time to time fall into the following categories:

1. Reports by officers or committees of the Department of Labour for the purpose of advising the minister on these matters: They are in the same category as other memoranda prepared within the department for the use of the minister, and are therefore privileged.

2. Statistical data on local employment office operations relating to unplaced applicants, benefit claims filed, referrals to employment, etc.: They are forwarded at regular intervals from the employment service offices in the field for use by the economics and research branch of the