

2. How many such loans were granted in the province of New Brunswick during the said year?

Mr. Benidickson:

1. 235.
2. First mortgage loans disbursed—84; second mortgage loans disbursed—14.

TARIFF BOARD—REFERENCES MADE BY MINISTER OF FINANCE

Mr. Knowles:

1. How many references to the tariff board have been made by the Minister of Finance since January 1, 1952?

2. What tariff items were included in each such reference, and on what date was each such reference made?

3. What decision has been reached by the tariff board in respect of each such item?

Mr. Benidickson:

1. Four.
2. Reference No. 112: ethylene glycol and related products; August 29, 1952; tariff items 208h, 208t, 219e, 220a(i), 711, 791, 923.

Reference No. 113: clothespins of wood, or of wood and metal, and parts thereof; December 23, 1953; tariff item 506a.

Reference No. 114: ethylene glycol for use in the manufacture of anti-freezing compounds and ethylene glycol base anti-freeze; December 28, 1953; tariff items 208h, 220a(i), 711.

Reference No. 115: polyethylene resins and polyethylene films, sheets and tubing, etc., if necessary; February 5, 1953; tariff items 901(a)8, 902(e), 905(c)1, 905(c)2, 906(e).

3. Tariff board report on reference No. 112 was submitted to the Minister of Finance on May 1, 1953 and tabled in the House of Commons on November 25, 1953. The other references are under investigation.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

VEGETABLE OILS—SOURCES OF IMPORTS, ETC., 1952-1953

Mr. Bryson:

1. From what countries did Canada import vegetable oil seeds, or vegetable oils in the year 1952-53?

2. What kinds of vegetable oil seeds, or vegetable oils, and how many pounds of each kind were imported from each country?

3. What was the value of each kind of vegetable oil seed or vegetable oil imported from each country in 1952-53?

4. What was the tariff collected on each kind of vegetable oil seed or vegetable oil imported from each country?

Mr. Dickey: Return tabled.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Hardie:

What has been the cost of construction and maintenance of buildings and equipment occupied and 83276—223½

Orders for Returns

used as offices or residences in the Northwest Territories by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources for each year beginning April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1953?

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS—LIVING ALLOWANCES, 1953

Mr. Diefenbaker:

How many government officials or employees, etc., in the year 1953, with salaries in excess of \$4,000 per year, received living allowances or expenses in excess of \$5,000 per year additional to such salaries?

Mr. Pickersgill: I have spoken to the hon. member, and I understand that what he meant by "government officials or employees, etc.," are regular servants of the government of Canada itself, not the people who are employed by crown agencies, but including employees outside Canada in embassies, trade commissions and so on. On that understanding, and if he would agree to have the year made the fiscal year rather than the calendar year, it would facilitate the answering of the question, and I would ask that it be made an order for return.

Mr. Speaker: Then the question as modified is made an order for return.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

CUSTOMS CHECK BRANCH—LETTER DIRECTING HIGHER RATE

Mr. Knowles:

For a copy of a typical letter (or typical letters, if there are any significant variations in different letters written on the subject), dated at any time since January 1, 1952, written by the customs check branch of the customs and excise division of the Department of National Revenue, to collectors of customs at customs ports, advising that a higher rate of duty, sales tax or excise tax is required, without necessarily giving the name of any firm involved in such correspondence.

CUSTOMS CHECK BRANCH—LETTER DIRECTING LOWER RATE OR EXEMPTION

Mr. Knowles:

For a copy of a typical letter (or typical letters, if there are any significant variations in different letters written on the subject), dated at any time since January 1, 1952, written by the customs check branch of the customs and excise division of the Department of National Revenue, to collectors of customs at customs ports, advising that a lower rate of duty or the exemption from sales tax or excise tax is applicable, without necessarily giving the name of any firm involved in such correspondence.

SECURITY

LOYALTY SCREENINGS—GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, when I answered orally a question on Monday asked by the