

Mr. ABBOTT:

1. Mr. J. C. Leaman was employed by the wartime prices and trade board on January 27, 1942 as investigator and later became foods officer. On March 27, 1943 he resigned effective June 7, 1943.

2, 3 and 4. Answered by No. 1.

ALUMINIUM LIMITED—CONTRACT AND  
PREVAILING PRICE

Mr. COLDWELL:

1. Has the government, or any department or official of the government, been approached by the Aluminium Limited with an offer or proposal to make any refund of sums of money in connection with contracts secured early in the war when the price of the company's product is said to have been higher than the prevailing price?

2. In view of the minister's statement regarding the basic price and operation of the escalator clause, as reported at page 3828, *Hansard*, June 21, 1943, what steps have been taken by the government to recover from the company such sums of money as may represent overcharges for their product?

Mr. ABBOTT:

1. No. The Department of Munitions and Supply is not aware that aluminum has been sold to any government at higher than the prevailing price current at the date of delivery of the product.

2. So far as the Department of Munitions and Supply is aware, no overcharges have been made by the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited with respect to aluminum ingot sold, and therefore no steps have been taken.

Note: Refer to page 3828 of *Hansard*—minister's statement on contracts and escalator clause.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR  
RETURNS

WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD—EMPLOYEES  
RECEIVING OVER \$3,000

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. Who are the employees who receive over \$3,000 a year in the employ of the wartime prices and trade board, and where are they located?

2. What honorarium, living or other allowance, and travelling expenses, have been paid to each of the said employees since appointment?

3. Which of said employees are permanent civil servants? Which were appointed under the Civil Service Act?

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—MONCTON-  
HALIFAX-CAMPBELLTON

Mr. ISNOR:

1. How many Canadian National Railway passenger trains are operated daily between Moncton, N.B., and Halifax, N.S.?

2. With respect to these trains, (a) what are the numbers or names of each; (b) number of regular stops made by each; (c) mileage between each stop; (d) total mileage in run; (e) population of each place of stop; (f) time taken to complete trip; (g) the daily average number of persons reaching Halifax for month of May, 1943?

3. How many daily trains are running between Moncton, N.B., and Campbellton, N.B.?

4. With respect to such trains, (a) what are the numbers or names of each; (b) number of regular stops made by each; (c) mileage between each stop; (d) total mileage in run; (e) population of each place of stop; (f) time taken to complete trip; (g) the daily average number of persons reaching Campbellton for month of May, 1943?

HOUSING—PERMITS TO SENATORS OR MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. FRASER (Peterborough West):

1. Were there any permits issued to senators or members of the House of Commons for the construction of houses during the period from September 1, 1942, to June 1, 1943?

2. If so, to whom were permits issued?

3. In each case, what is the amount of the permit?

4. Where is the property situated?

5. Is there any check to keep the construction within the limits of the permit?

WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED—PURCHASE OF  
PLYWOOD

Mr. CASTLEDEN:

(a) What quantity of plywood has been purchased by Wartime Housing Limited; (b) what was the total amount paid for this plywood; (c) from what manufacturing firms or agents was this plywood purchased?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. DORION:

For a copy of the minutes and report of the meetings of the national finance committee, which took place in Ottawa on December 9, 1936, and the following days, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. ILSLEY: Mr. Speaker, I explained to the house the other day that these are the minutes of a meeting which, it was agreed between the representatives of the dominion and those of the provinces, would not be made public. For this reason, and other reasons I stated the other day, I have to take exception to the passing of this motion.

Mr. DORION: In view of the fact that the other day when this motion was called the first time, the Minister of Finance endeavoured to show that it should be dropped, I believe it is my duty to make just a few remarks in support of the motion. The first reason given by the minister was that an arrangement had been made between