

## Questions

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1. 139,281,181 bus.
2. 4,768,739 bbls.
3. Cattle hides, 3,000 hides, \$31,796; sheep-skins, 201,987 skins, \$322,272.
4. (a) Dairy cattle, 200 lbs. to 700 lbs., 199; dairy cattle, over 700 lbs., 46,845;  
(b) Beef cattle, 200 lbs. to 700 lbs., 102,348; beef cattle, over 700 lbs., 215,889.  
(c) Cattle, less than 200 lbs.†, 31,483.

†Cattle 200 lbs to 400 lbs. included in dairy cattle or beef cattle above. Separate figures not available.

5. Information not available.
6. 526,556 bbls.
7. Information not available.

## EXPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**Mr. Noseworthy:**

1. How many automobiles and how many tractors were exported from Canada to sterling area countries in 1949?
2. How were these paid for?

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1. Automobiles, freight, 10,982; automobiles, passenger, 14,851; tractors, 241.
2. These were exports entering Canadian commercial trade and presumably were paid for in the normal commercial manner.

## \*BELL ISLAND, NFLD., IRON ORE

**Mr. Higgins:**

1. Have discussions taken place between the Minister of Trade and Commerce and any person or persons relative to the sale of 300,000 tons of Bell island iron ore?
2. If so, what is the result of such discussions?

**Mr. Howe:** I can answer this question again orally. I have already answered it at least twice. However, for the third time:

The first discussion that took place in reference to the sale of 300,000 tons of Bell island iron ore took place in my office when the president of Dosco called to say that he was negotiating for such an order, and asking for certain help from the department, which was extended.

The second conversation took place about two hours later when Mr. Smallwood called me about the Bell island ore, and I told him of those negotiations. That ended any discussion on the subject from that day to this. I did exchange letters with Mr. Millard, head of the steel workers' union, with reference to the conversations.

**Mr. Higgins:** Did you give Mr. Smallwood the assurance that the sale had been made?

[Mr. Noseworthy.]

**Mr. Howe:** No; I told him exactly what I had been told by Dosco. Perhaps I should not have passed on the information, but I did. I said that the sale was under negotiation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Answered.

## JUDGES—NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Higgins:**

1. Have steps been taken to appoint a fourth judge to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland?
2. If so, when will such appointment be made?
3. How many district court judges are to be appointed in Newfoundland?
4. When are such appointments to be made?

**Mr. Garson:**

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. The Newfoundland legislature has not as yet enacted legislation creating any district court judgeship.
4. Answered by No. 3.

(See also revised answer at page 2800.)

## GANDER, NFLD., AIRPORT

**Mr. Higgins:**

1. Have the restrictions against the building of private homes within a radius of five miles of Gander airport been removed?
2. Is it proposed to reconstruct the runways at Gander airport?
3. If so, when is it proposed to begin the work?
4. Are there any restrictions against the landing of Boeing aircraft at Gander airport?
5. If so, when will they be removed?

**Mr. Chevrier:**

1. No.
2. The runways at Gander will be reconstructed as circumstances require and funds permit.
3. It is hoped to do some work on runway reconstruction at Gander next year.
4. There are no landing restrictions specific to any particular type of aircraft, but the airport was closed to all aircraft with an operating weight in excess of 105,000 lbs. on April 19, 1950.
5. These restrictions will be removed as soon as the area dries sufficiently to make their imposition unnecessary. It is estimated that this should be about May 15.

## BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY—APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASES

**Mr. Knowles:**

1. What is the present status of the Bell Telephone Company's application for an increase in rates in Ontario and Quebec?
2. Have any interim increases been granted?
3. Are increases in telephone rates being sought anywhere else in Canada outside of Ontario and Quebec?
4. If so, where, and what is the status of each such application?