

house, be deemed an order of the house to that effect and the same shall be entered in the *Votes and Proceedings* as such.

This is the type of question where the custom always is to put it in the form of an order for return, and that is the only proper way in which the matter can be dealt with since every department of the government is involved; and I submit it is not the type of question which was contemplated when the provision for starred questions was made.

Mr. Chevrier: I am sorry, but I must disagree with the interpretation placed upon that rule by the Minister of Justice. I think the Minister of Justice is correct providing his application of the rule deals with questions which are on the order paper. But this is not an ordinary question on the order paper; it is a starred question. My submission to you, sir, is that the decision of the minister applies to questions that are of an ordinary nature and which have not been starred by the member. If the questions have been starred by the member I submit the information should be given to the house.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted to point out that although the question is distinguished by an asterisk it is still a question, and it is on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: Yes. My understanding of the rules and practice is that if in the minister's opinion the reply should be in the form of an order for return, the minister has the right to state that fact, and the effect is to make it an order for return automatically under the rule. In the previous case the minister was willing to waive his right.

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, in view of your decision may I ask the minister if she would not now consent, as the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources has, to the submission of all the information required in *Hansard*?

Mrs. Fairclough: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this is an entirely different type of question. I submit that sufficient reason has not been shown why this matter should not be made an order for return, and I ask the consent of the house should now be obtained in this connection.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered, then, that this question be made an order for return. Consent of the house is not necessary. In fact the procedure we followed before can be followed only by unanimous consent of all members.

Orders for Returns

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

INTERNATIONAL RAPIDS—WATER REGULATION

Question No. 7—Mr. Chevrier:

1. Did the international joint commission in its order of approval of October 29, 1952, provide for the regulation of water through the international rapids section in accordance with method of regulation No. 5 as prepared by the Department of Transport in September, 1940?

2. Was this method followed and at any time put into operation? If so, what are the details? If not, was rule 5 amended or altered in any manner whatsoever, and by what method or plan, giving details?

3. Was the plan mentioned in 2 still further amended? If so, what are the details?

4. What plan is now in operation and with what result?

5. What plan will be followed with the opening of navigation in 1959?

MCKIM ADVERTISING LIMITED

Question No. 30—Mr. Godin:

1. How many contracts, if any, by government departments, were awarded to the advertising firm of McKim Advertising Limited since June 1, 1957?

2. What was the amount of each?

3. Who were the directors of this company (a) for the year 1957; (b) for the year 1958?

RETAINING WALLS, QUEBEC PROVINCE

Question No. 108—Mr. Dupuis:

1. Since June, 1957, has the government undertaken work on retaining walls or made grants for such work, within the limits of the province of Quebec?

2. If so, at what places and for what amounts?

C. D. HOWE COMPANY LIMITED

Question No. 144—Mr. Fisher:

1. Has the government engaged the services of C.D. Howe Company Limited for any work since July 1, 1957?

2. If so, what type of work for what departments, to what value, and on what dates?

3. In any such engagements, were the services obtained through tender or negotiation?

FEDERAL AGENCY DIRECTORS

Question No. 154—Mr. Argue:

1. Who are the directors of each of the following government agencies, what are their duties, and what administrative powers does each hold: (a) the national research council; (b) the public archives; (c) the defence research board; (d) the national film board; (e) the national library; (f) the national museum?

2. What rank in the government service does each of these directors hold, and what are his qualifications for the position he holds?

WINTER WORKS PROJECTS, QUEBEC

Question No. 158—Mr. Bourget:

1. What was the nature of the projects approved, with amounts and locations, under the winter works program with the province of Quebec?

2. How many persons were employed directly under this program in the province of Quebec on the 1st of February, 1959, and where were they employed?