GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS, B.C.—SALE

Mr. Leboe:

1. Has the British Columbia Telephone Company purchased from the federal government any or all of the telephone and telegraph lines and equipment held by the government?
2. If so, what was the purchase price?
3. Was an appraisal of the assets made, and by whom?
4. If this transaction was made, what provision is there for the continuation of employees?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspe):

1. Approval in principle, subject to negotiation with respect to conditions, has been given to the sale to the British Columbia Telephone Company of the telephone facilities of the British Columbia division, government telegraph and telephone service, excluding the long distance system between Prince George and Prince Rupert.

2. $750,000, subject to the answer to question No. 1.

3. Yes, appraisals were made by the Department of Transport, British Columbia Telephone Company and Canadian National Telegraphs.

4. It is not possible to answer this question now as details are being worked out at this time.

MARPOLE-SEA ISLAND, B.C. BRIDGE

Mr. Winch:

1. Has the federal government or any department thereof been in consultation with the government of British Columbia or the city of Vancouver relative to the construction of a bridge between Marpole and Sea island?
2. If so, at what stage are the consultations and what representations, if any, have been made by the government or department with respect to this construction?

Mr. Bourget:

1. There has been an exchange of correspondence between the minister of public works of British Columbia and the Acting Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, in 1953.

2. The Minister of Public Works inquired if the federal government would make any financial contribution towards the cost of this bridge. The reply was given that it was considered there was no federal responsibility in this matter.

TAXATION AND INCOME—THREE RIVERS AND SHAWINIGAN FALLS, QUE.

Mr. Balcer:

1. What was the total number of declared taxable returns for the taxation year 1951 for the city of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec?
2. For the city of Shawinigan Falls, Quebec?
3. What were the amounts for each of these two cities?
4. What was the total earned income declared in that taxation year for these two cities?

Mr. McCann:

1, 2, 3 and 4. In so far as individuals are concerned, the following is a statement of the information requested.

1951 Taxation Year

City	Total number of declared taxable returns	Total amount of income declared	Total amount of earned income declared
Trois-Rivieres	7,410	$23,595,000	$22,759,000
Shawinigan Falls (including Arvida)	8,310	$28,526,000	$27,765,000

With respect to corporations, no similar statistical information is maintained by the taxation division.

NO. 5 WORKS COMPANY—TECHNICAL OFFICER

Mr. Dufresne:

1. Who is the technical officer (administration) of No. 5 works company, R.C.E., Quebec city?
2. When was he appointed?
3. What is his salary?
4. What previous service, if any, had he with the armed forces of Canada?
5. In what civil service category is his position classified?
6. Was the position advertised for public competition?
7. Was any investigation conducted to ascertain if any person serving in No. 5 works company, R.C.E., was qualified for promotion to the position? If so, what was the result?
8. Since the said appointment, have any senior members of No. 5 works company, R.C.E., resigned?
9. If so, who and for what reason?

[Mr. Benidickson.]

Mr. Blanchette:

1. Mr. Arsene Gerard Leblanc.

2. March 17, 1953.

3. $4,560 per annum.

4. He has had no service with the armed forces of Canada.

5. Technical officer grade 4.