

2. Of the ratings, how many comprised the seamen?

3. How does this latter total break down as between chief petty officers, petty officers, leading seamen, able seamen and ordinary seamen?

4. How many ratings in each of the above five categories are allowed for in the complement of the post-war 10,000 man navy?

5. How many in each of these categories were enrolled in the permanent navy on August 1, 1939?

HARBOUR AND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS—HUDSON BAY RAILWAY—FREIGHT RATES

Mr. NICHOLSON:

1. How much was spent by the dominion government for dredging the St. Lawrence river and Montreal harbour, and for operating and administering the St. Lawrence ship channel during the years 1940 to 1944, inclusive?

2. How much was spent during the years 1940 to 1944, inclusive, under the Maritime Freight Rates Act to compensate railways for the difference between the tariff tolls and normal tolls on all traffic moved during the above mentioned years?

3. How much was spent during the above years to provide for construction and improvements in connection with the Hudson Bay railway, and to provide for losses in connection with the operation of the railway during the above years?

4. How much money was advanced by the dominion government during the said years for the following: (a) Montreal harbour; (b) Churchill harbour; (c) Vancouver harbour; (d) Halifax harbour?

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. How many boards or commissions have been set up or constituted, (a) since September 3, 1939; (b) since V-E day?

2. What are the particulars, including names of persons now holding positions on each of said boards or commissions?

ORDERS IN COUNCIL UNDER WAR MEASURES ACT

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. How many orders in council passed under the War Measures Act since September 3, 1939, have been rescinded or revoked, (a) since V-E day; (b) since V-J day?

2. Of these, how many were orders of controllers?

SUBSIDIES ON PRODUCTION

Mr. MCGREGOR:

1. What is the amount paid by the government in subsidies from September 1, 1939, to September 15, 1945?

2. On what products were subsidies paid during this period and how much on each?

PUBLIC SERVICE—EMPLOYEES OVER SIXTY-FIVE

Mr. THATCHER:

1. How many employees working with, (a) civil service; (b) permanent government boards are above the age of 65?

2. How many of these employees over 65 have been appointed since V-J day?

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UNITED NATIONS

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): A spokesman for the United Kingdom government announced yesterday that the first general assembly of the united nations organization is expected to meet in London on December 4. I would ask the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, therefore, to give the following information to the house:

1. How many representatives from Canada will be sent to attend this initial meeting of the general assembly?

2. Who will be designated from Canada for this purpose?

3. Is it anticipated that the Prime Minister will be able to remain overseas long enough to attend?

4. Will consideration be given by the government to having all parliamentary parties represented at all united nations gatherings, including the initial meeting of the general assembly?

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have no information which would permit me to give any kind of definite answer to the third question submitted by the hon. member, as to whether it is anticipated the Prime Minister will be able to remain overseas long enough to attend this meeting. As to the other three questions, no decision has been made as yet with respect to any of them. I can say little more at this time than that the membership of the Canadian delegation to the first assembly of the united nations has not been determined and will be announced as soon as it is determined. The point mentioned in the fourth question will be borne in mind by the government.

I may add that it is my understanding that the meeting, which is expected to take place in December, will be concerned almost entirely with the consideration of recommendations placed before the general assembly by the preparatory commission which was established at San Francisco, dealing with the administrative and financial procedures and related organizational matters. It is expected also that at this meeting the security council and the social and economic council will be established, and the secretary-general appointed. The intention would appear to be, then, that the assembly should then adjourn