

Orders for Returns

provinces. However, special attention is being given to geological regions where it is thought that the experiment will be most effective.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HARBOURS IN
NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Higgins:

What steps have been taken to establish a national harbour or harbours in Newfoundland?

Mr. Benidickson: On February 28 last a reply was given to a related question asked by the hon. member. There have been no subsequent developments.

DEFINITION OF BOUNDARY BETWEEN
NEWFOUNDLAND AND QUEBEC

Mr. Higgins:

What work is being done this year on the definition of the boundaries between the province of Newfoundland and the province of Quebec?

Mr. Prudham: None.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS
FOR RETURNS

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES

Mr. Black (Cumberland):

1. What properties have been purchased, by provinces, since April 1, 1950, to date by (i) Department of National Defence; (ii) Department of Defence Production; (iii) crown companies; (iv) any other department of government, stating the (a) location; (b) purchase price; (c) from whom purchased; (d) date of purchase, in each case?

2. What alterations or new construction work have been undertaken or authorized on any of the above properties since purchase thereof?

3. What expenditures have been made to date on each of the said properties for (a) equipment; (b) administration and operation; (c) total expenditures, to date?

4. Have any of the said properties been leased since purchase? If so, to whom, and on what terms?

Mr. Bradley: Mr. Speaker, I understand the hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Black) proposes to make an amendment to this question. If he would do that now, perhaps the answer could be obtained more quickly.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped?

Mr. Claxton: No. The hon. member for Cumberland has been good enough to terminate the third part of the question with the word "properties". The words "for (a) equipment; (b) administration and operation; (c) total expenditures, to date" will be omitted. With that understanding, the question would stand as an order for return.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): Yes; the minister and his parliamentary assistant have conferred with me, and I am pleased to comply with that suggestion.

[Mr. Prudham.]

Mr. Speaker: Then the question will stand as an order for return.

Mr. Claxton: Yes.

INDIANS—PRAIRIE PROVINCES—LEASES
OF LAND FROM RESERVES

Mr. Bryce:

What persons have been granted leases from Indian lands on the Indian reservations of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the years 1949, 1950 and 1951?

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROVISION FOR REFUNDING OF FINANCIAL
OBLIGATIONS AND ISSUE OF SUBSTITUTED
SECURITIES

Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a measure to provide for the refunding of matured, maturing and callable financial obligations of the Canadian National Railways and for the issue of securities guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada in respect of such refunding to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$200,000,000.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Knowles: It is a technical point; but if we are going to go through this form we should have it correct. In view of the fact that the governor general is out of the country—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Knowles:—and has turned the great seal over to Mr. Justice Kerwin, appointing him as Administrator, should not this approval have been given in the name of His Excellency the Administrator rather than in the name of His Excellency the Governor General?

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Speaker, I think this measure was submitted some time ago. But if it will make my hon. friend any happier, I shall be very glad to have *Hansard* substitute the words "His Excellency the Administrator" for the words "His Excellency the Governor General".

Mr. Knowles: May I ask which of these gentlemen was consulted?

An hon. Member: Sit down.

Motion agreed to.