

reframe his questions, or perhaps take them up when my estimates are before the committee of supply.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreeable?

**Mr. White (Hastings-Peterborough):** I was speaking to the parliamentary assistant to the minister (Mr. Mutch), and I will reword the questions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Dropped.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT—WOMEN—DOMESTIC SERVANTS

**Mr. Winkler:**

1. By years from 1939 to 1949, how many females in Canada were without work and seeking employment?

2. From 1947 to 1950, how many females among displaced persons were employed as domestic servants?

3. By census years or other available figures since, and including 1931, what was the relation of female domestic servants to the total population of Canada?

**Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle):**

1. From 1939-1942 no data are available on the number of women unemployed and seeking work in Canada.

From 1943-1945, when most women seeking employment were required to register at national selective service offices, the following numbers were reported as seeking work:

June 1, 1943 .....	29,000
June 1, 1944 .....	24,000
June 1, 1945 .....	24,000

From 1946-1949 the number of women without jobs and seeking employment, as estimated on the basis of a sample labour force survey, was as follows:

June 1, 1946 .....	18,000
June 1, 1947 .....	16,000
June 1, 1948 .....	18,000
June 1, 1949 .....	16,000

2. Statistics are not available to provide a direct answer to this question. The following table, however, shows the number of female displaced persons entering Canada for domestic service employment under the group movement plan of the federal government:

1947 .....	700
1948 .....	6,500
1949 .....	2,500
1950 (to April 30) .....	300

3. Number of women employed in domestic service†:

June 1, 1931 .....	146,000
June 1, 1941 .....	178,000
June 1, 1946 .....	67,000
June 1, 1947 .....	53,000
June 1, 1948 .....	74,000
June 1, 1949†† .....	75,000

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Total population of Canada:

June 1, 1931 .....	10,363,200
June 1, 1941 .....	11,489,700
June 1, 1946 .....	12,283,000
June 1, 1947 ....	12,558,000
June 1, 1948 .....	12,859,000
June 1, 1949†† .....	13,177,000

Per cent of population employed in domestic service:

June 1, 1931 .....	1.4
June 1, 1941 .....	1.5
June 1, 1946 .....	0.5
June 1, 1947 .....	0.4
June 1, 1948 .....	0.6
June 1, 1949†† .....	0.6

† Figures for 1931 and 1941 show the number of women who were gainfully occupied in domestic service, according to the decennial census at that date. In the census a person is classified according to his usual or customary activity during the past year. Figures for 1946 to 1949 are based on a sample labour force survey which classifies persons according to the specific work in which they are engaged during the survey week.

†† Excluding Newfoundland.

#### TRENTON, ONT., AIRPORT—CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES

**Mr. White (Hastings-Peterborough):**

1. What firms or individuals received contracts for supplying gas, oil, grease, coal, fuel oil, bread, meat and milk for the R.C.A.F. airport at Trenton, Ontario, in each of the years 1948, 1949 and 1950?

2. Were tenders called for these contracts?

3. What are the names and addresses of the firms or individuals who submitted tenders?

4. What was the contract price for each of the commodities mentioned in paragraph one above?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, I have consulted officials of the Canadian Commercial Corporation with regard to the information asked for in this question. To get the information requested would take approximately three months, and the cost would be very heavy. I wonder if the hon. member would consent to drop the question. If I can find out just what point he is seeking to get at, we can perhaps frame a question that will elicit the information without involving such a heavy expenditure of time and money.

**Mr. White (Hastings-Peterborough):** I will not agree to dropping the question. I rather doubt that it would take three months, but I will speak to the parliamentary assistant. I ask that the question stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Stand.

#### INCURABLES

**Mr. Fair:**

1. What number of incurables reside in each province?