3. Qualified by their training, experience and the qualifications which they possess for and the responsibilities attaching to their respective appointments.

4. All recommendations received from district officers commanding and other sources are placed on a staff list. The committees consider this list and, based on all round qualifications, submit nominations therefrom for consideration and approval of higher authority.

WEYBURN, SASK., CENSUS COMMISSIONER

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn):

- 1. Who has been named census commissioner for the federal constituency of Weyburn?
 - 2. By whom was he recommended?
 - 3. Is he a great war veteran?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

- 1. D. J. Mitchell, Weyburn.
- 2. By the Minister of Trade and Commerce after consultation with his colleague the minister from Saskatchewan.
 - 3. He is an ex-service man.

GASPÉ AND MAGDALEN ISLANDS CENSUS OFFICERS

Mr. ROY:

- 1. Who recommended to the Hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce Messrs. Terrence Pigeon of Gaspé, and Louis-Marie Keable of Ste-Anne-des-Monts, as chief census officers for the counties of Gaspé and Magdalen islands, respectively?
- 2. What are the dates of these recommendations?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

- 1. The Minister of Trade and Commerce recommended to the Dominion Statistician that Terrence Pigeon of Gaspé and Louis-Marie Keable of Ste-Anne-des-Monts, be appointed chief census officers for the counties of Gaspé and Magdalen islands respectively, after consultation with his colleagues in the cabinet from the province of Quebec.
 - 2. December 27, 1940.

PORK AND POTATOES-PRICES TO PRODUCERS

Mr. LACOMBE:

- 1. What was the average price for pork paid to the producer in each month in 1939, 1940, and 1941 to date?
- 2. What was the average price for potatoes paid to the producer during the same periods?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

1. Hogs: Weighted average prices at all markets, 100 lbs.

[Mr. Ralston.]

	1939	1940	1941
January	\$8.94	\$8.79	\$10.69
February	9.23	8.79	
March	9.21	8.79	
April	8.55	8.28	
May	8.33	7.73	
June	8.81	7.65	
July	8.84	7.82	
August	7.86	8.01	
September	8.64	8.57	
October	8.39	11.56*	
November	8.48	10.63	
December	8.62	10.55	

*From October, 1940, prices quoted are for dressed weight.

2. Weighted average price received by producers for potatoes per 100 pounds.

Crop year

August,	1938,	to	July, 193	9	69	cents
August,	1939,	to	July, 19	40	1.13	cents
August.	1940.	to	Decembe	er. 1940	79	cents

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

- 1. How many employees have been added to the public service of Canada since the outbreak of war?
- 2. Of these how many are (a) permanent employees, (b) temporary employees?
- 3. Of these how many were appointed (a) by the civil service commission, (b) under order in council?

FOREIGN EXCHANGE—VEGETABLE OILS

Mr. CARDIFF:

- 1. How many dollars United States exchange were issued to shortening and soap manufacturers for the purchase of vegetable oils in the calendar year 1940?
- 2. What quantity of vegetable oil mentioned in the first question was imported into Canada?

ALLOWANCES TO DEPUTY MINISTERS

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

- 1. Are any of the deputy ministers in receipt of a per diem allowance or expense account in addition to salary?
- 2. If so, who, and what is the amount per

AID TO MATAPEDIA-MATANE, QUE., FISHERMEN

Mr. ROY:

- 1. Has the government, directly or indirectly, during 1939 or 1940, made any grants in kind or in cash to the needy fishermen of the county of Matapedia-Matane?
- 2. If so, who was in charge of the distribution and what kind of grants were made?