

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 4, 1955

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Government House,
Ottawa, May 4, 1955

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 4th May, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,
J. F. Delaute,
Secretary to the Governor General
(Administrative)

QUESTIONS

C.N.R. DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

Mr. McCulloch (Pictou):

1. How many diesel locomotives are operated by Canadian National Railways and subsidiaries in Canada?

2. How many are operated in each province?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspé):

The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. On April 28, 1955—580 diesel units.

2. Locomotives are not permanently assigned to any particular region or province in which the railway operates but on the contrary are moved within the system from time to time as traffic requires, except that 12 diesel units are permanently assigned to Newfoundland and 19 to Prince Edward Island.

PRICE SUPPORT OF GOLD MINING, 1954

Mr. Yuill:

What was the total amount paid in price support of gold mining industry in 1954?

Mr. Prudham: Assistance paid by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys during the calendar year 1954 amounted to \$14,879,334.33.

PRICE SUPPORT OF FARM COMMODITIES, 1954

Mr. Yuill:

What was the total amount paid for price support on all farm commodities in 1954?

Mr. McCubbin: The estimated net cost of operations of the agricultural prices support board during the 1954-55 fiscal year ending March 31, 1955, is \$3,210,928.

FISHERIES STATISTICS

Mr. Balcom:

What was the amount, and the dollar value of the catch of (a) mackerel; (b) herring, in the year 1954, for (i) Nova Scotia; (ii) Newfoundland?

Mr. MacNaught: The following figures are preliminary. "Herring" refers to mature herring, i.e. excludes "sardines".

(i) Nova Scotia:

	Quantity	Value
	'000 lb.	\$'000
Mackerel	12,598	498
Herring	29,089	391

(ii) Newfoundland:

	Quantity	Value
	'000 lb.	\$'000
Mackerel	2,029	95
Herring	34,103	309

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Mr. Follwell:

1. What has been the total cost to the federal government of the trans-Canada highway?

2. How much has been spent by the federal government in each province?

3. How much has been spent by each province?

4. How many miles have been completed on the trans-Canada highway?

5. How many miles have been completed in each province?

6. How many miles are now under construction in each province?

7. When will the trans-Canada highway be completed?

Mr. Bourget:

1. \$63,401,393.75 to April 23, 1955.

2.

Newfoundland	\$ 5,478,732.60
Prince Edward Island	1,097,615.10
Nova Scotia	75,699.97
New Brunswick	2,438,880.81
Ontario	19,111,517.62
Manitoba	5,578,066.97
Saskatchewan	7,051,790.94
Alberta	8,187,333.98
British Columbia	14,381,755.76

3. The above amounts are one-half the cost of construction as represented by claims submitted and paid. We have no records of the total amounts spent to date by the provincial governments.