

Orders for Returns

2. For these payments what types of aircraft and how many of each type have been delivered to or for the account of the government of Canada, stating total or unit price paid for each type?

3. How much of these payments was made for other purposes and for what purposes?

4. For what amount is the government of Canada committed to these companies for uncompleted projects?

[Later:]

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, notwithstanding the fact that question No. 89 was made an order for return, may I say that the hon. member for St. Paul's has agreed that this question should be dropped if it is the pleasure of the house, reserving the right to resubmit it in a slightly different form.

J. H. TURVEY ELECTRIC LIMITED—
FEDERAL CONTRACTS

Question No. 99—Mr. Regier:

1. Has J. H. Turvey Electric Limited of Brantford, Ontario, been awarded any contracts by the federal government in any of the fiscal years ending on March 31 of 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and of December 31, 1956?

2. If so, what was the total amount of payments made in each of these years to this company?

MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS AND
NORTHERN AFFAIRS—PUBLICATIONS

Question No. 118—Mr. Zaplitny:

1. How many copies of each of the following were printed at government expense? (a) Values of Oort's Constant A derived from some B stars. (No. 48). Published by Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. (b) The Northern Red-backed Mouse, *Clethrionomys rutilus* (Pallas), in Canada. (No. 144). Published by Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. (c) The Cretaceous Reptile *Champosaurus Natator* Parks. (No. 145). Published by Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

2. What was the cost of preparation and printing in each case?

3. How much of this cost has been recovered by sales of this material in each case?

4. How many copies of each of the above are still on hand?

THE MINISTRY—COMPANY AND
CORPORATION DIRECTORSHIPS

Question No. 120—Mr. Knowles:

1. Are any cabinet ministers now directors of any companies, corporations, etc.?

2. If so, which ministers, of what companies or corporations, and on what dates were any directorships presently held by cabinet ministers assumed?

3. Have any cabinet ministers resigned any directorships since being sworn of the privy council?

4. If so, which ministers, on what dates and from what companies or corporations?

GORDON COMMISSION COSTS

Question No. 126—Mr. Hodgson:

What amounts have been paid by the government, since January, 1951, to the following: (a) Walter Gordon, chairman of the economic commission; (b) Clarkson, Gordon & Co., accountants; (c) J. D. Woods & Gordon, Ltd., management consultants?

[Mr. Michener.]

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE MEETING OF PRIME
MINISTERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether the Prime Minister of Great Britain or any member of the British government has been in communication with the government of Canada with reference to the convening of a conference of commonwealth prime ministers and whether, if that is so, his attention has been directed to a Canadian Press dispatch to the effect that it is hoped to organize one shortly despite the reluctance of Canada. Is Canada reluctant with regard to the convening of such a conference? If so, why?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, Canada is not reluctant with regard to the convening of a conference at any time that can be arranged that will not interfere with the essential business that has to be done here. There is usually correspondence among the prime ministers when a conference is being arranged but, to my knowledge, there has been no correspondence up to the present time.

POSTAL SERVICE

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—REFERENCE TO DIREC-
TIVE TO PARCEL POST CARRIERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. G. J. Hahn (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General. I regret that I was not able to give him too much notice of it. My question arises out of a telegram I received that an official of the Post Office Department is in the New Westminster area and has instructed the parcel post carriers to work for Mr. Hatch in the delivery of parcel post in the metropolitan area of Vancouver or get out. In view of his statement to the house the other day, would the Postmaster General clarify this directive?

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, it is rather difficult for me to clarify this directive as requested by my hon. friend since, to my knowledge, no such directive has been issued either from the minister's office or from any branch at head office of the Post Office Department. I would have serious doubt that the information which my hon. friend has received is correct. However, I will inquire into the matter.