

## Questions

## Hong Kong—

Victoria Cross . . . . .	1
Distinguished Service Order . . . . .	2
Military Cross . . . . .	7
Distinguished Conduct Medal . . . . .	2
Military Medal . . . . .	12
Mentions-in-Dispatches . . . . .	29
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Total . . . . .	53

The following awards were granted for outstanding service by Hong Kong prisoners of war while in prisoners of war camps:

Officer of the British Empire . . . . .	1
Member of the British Empire . . . . .	6
Distinguished Conduct Medal . . . . .	2
Military Medal . . . . .	1
British Empire Medal . . . . .	3
Mentions-in-Dispatches . . . . .	31
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Total . . . . .	44

## MONCTON AIRPORT

## Mr. BROOKS:

1. Is the work being done in paving the runways at the Moncton airport under contract or on a cost plus basis?
2. If under contract (a) what firm is doing the work; (b) what is the amount of the contract?
3. Has a separate contract been given for the purchasing and hauling of the necessary gravel for this work?
4. If so (a) who is the contractor; (b) how much is being paid per yard for the gravel; (c) what distance is the gravel being hauled and at what price per yard?

## Mr. WINTERS:

1. Under contract.
2. (a) The Rayner Construction Co., Leaside, Ontario; (b) \$666,227.75.
3. No.
4. Not applicable.

## EMPLOYMENT—MARITIME PROVINCES

## Mr. STANFIELD:

1. Has the Department of Labour offered or assisted in securing employment in other provinces of Canada for persons in (a) Nova Scotia; (b) the maritime provinces during the calendar year 1947 and 1948 to date?
2. If so, how many persons left (a) Nova Scotia; (b) the maritime provinces to take up positions in other parts of Canada?
3. What provinces did they move to?
4. How many persons left (a) Nova Scotia; (b) the maritime provinces to take up residence in the United States?

## Mr. COTE (Verdun):

1. Yes. The national employment service has a clearance system whereby vacancies that cannot be filled locally are notified to areas where there is a surplus of applicants for employment.

[Mr. Lapointe.]

2. Total for all the maritime provinces, 7,740. Total from Nova Scotia included in above, 5,607.

3. The figures given are for all transfers. To show specific information as to where transferred would necessitate detailed examination of 7,740 records. *Hansard*, page 1283, of February 17, 1948, summarizes the movement. Some were transferred within the maritime provinces, most to Ontario but some to provinces of Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia.

4. No information is available to answer parts (a) or (b) of this question.

## HARNESSING OF BAY OF FUNDY TIDES

## Mr. BROOKS:

1. Has the government or any department thereof received any communication from the United States department of the international boundary commission recommending the joint investigation of the possibility of a Canadian-American endeavour to harness the tides of the bay of Fundy at Passamaquoddy?
2. If so, what was the nature of the correspondence and what action, if any, does the federal government intend taking?

## Mr. ST. LAURENT:

1. On May 21 I received from the United States charge d'affaires in Ottawa a communication regarding the Passamaquoddy tidal power project.
2. In his note, the charge d'affaires inquired whether it would be agreeable to the Canadian government to make a joint reference of this project to the international joint commission for investigation, exploration, survey and report as to its practicability, public convenience and necessity. He added that draft terms of reference would, in due course, be forwarded to the Canadian government for consideration. I replied on May 29, noting the proposal that this matter be studied and that draft terms of reference will be forthcoming and indicated that the proposal for a reference to the international joint commission would receive careful consideration by the appropriate Canadian authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES—  
D. A. MACDONALD

## Mr. WHITE (Middlesex East):

1. Is D. A. MacDonald employed by the Department of Mines and Resources as a forester?
2. If so, what is his position?
3. What is his salary?
4. What are his qualifications?
5. How long has he been with the department?
6. Does he attend conventions on behalf of the department?
7. If so, what conventions has he attended since 1945?
8. Did he return reports to the department from these conventions?