

Orders for Returns

544; Northwest Territories, \$1,039,483; British Columbia, \$13,670, 599; Yukon Territory, \$428,058.

* * *

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES ON PORTS****Question No. 253—Mr. Horner:**

How much money has the government spent in each of the past ten years on the ports of (a) Halifax (b) Quebec (c) Montreal (d) Toronto (e) Prince Rupert (f) Vancouver (g) Saint John (h) Churchill?

Return tabled.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR—NUMBER OF CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR PUBLICITY**Question No. 448—Mr. Nystrom:**

1. Were any contracts awarded by the Department of Labour (including the Unemployment Insurance Commission) for publicity and/or information in the fiscal year 1970-71 and, if so (a) what were the names and addresses of firms which received such contracts (b) what was the amount of each such contract (c) what was the specific purpose of each such contract?

2. Do the main and supplementary estimates of the Department for the fiscal year 1971-72 provide an amount to be spent on publicity and/or information and, if so (a) what amount is provided (b) what amounts have been encumbered or spent to date (c) what are the names and addresses of the private firms which have entered into such contracts (d) what is the amount of money involved in each such contract (e) what is the specific purpose of each such contract?

Return tabled.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege arising out of the failure of the government to answer question No. 475, which asks:

1. Who are the members of the Special Planning and Research group attached to the Solicitor General's department?

2. What is the authority or area of responsibility of the said group?

3. In what manner is the choice made of the members of the said group?

4. Who is the head or senior member thereof?

That question has been on the order paper since March 29. This House has a right to know who these people are in this special corps. Are they incognitos or inconnus? There should be no difficulty whatever in answering that question. The people of Canada want to know who are the personnel of the Solicitor General's "security selects anonymous".

Mr. Hogarth: Mr. Speaker, I will draw the right hon. member's suggestion to the Solicitor General's attention.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the parliamentary secretary to look into questions Nos. 197, 198 and 199 which have been on the order paper since February 24 and which were on the order paper for some time in the last session.

Mr. Hogarth: I will draw the appropriate minister's attention to the hon. member's remarks.

[Mr. Mackasey.]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Douglas A. Hogarth (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notices of motions Nos. 24, 25, 26, 35 and 41.

FEASIBILITY STUDY ON MARGINAL DAIRY FARMING**Motion No. 24—Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the feasibility study on marginal dairy farming undertaken for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion in the fiscal year 1967-68, as mentioned in answer to Question Number 1,323 of the 1st Session of this Parliament excluding confidential references to individuals or individual firms.

Mr. John Roberts (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the study requested was research undertaken for use by officials in programs planning and was intended solely for internal use. I would therefore request the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, this motion has to do with regional economic expansion. I feel that the people of Canada are entitled to know what type of programs the government has in mind.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

• 1420

COPY OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND CNR RELATING TO CNR PENSION PLAN**Motion No. 25—Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between the Minister of Transport and the CNR pertaining to recommendations of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications concerning the CNR Pension Plan.

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the correspondence which the hon. member requests in this motion pertains to the internal operation of a Crown corporation and is considered privileged and confidential. The hon. member may therefore wish to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, the CNR pension plan happens to be pretty important to many people in this country. I call for the question.

Mr. MacEachen: Transfer for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

COPY OF STUDY BY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION REGARDING EFFECTS OF INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES**Motion No. 26—Mr. Skoberg:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the study undertaken in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion regarding the effects of increase in freight rates on regional economic expansion as mentioned by the Minister of Regional Eco-