

*Inquiries of the Ministry*PURCHASES BY DEPARTMENTS OR CROWN  
COMPANIES FROM COLONEL  
GEORGES COUTURE**Mr. Courtemanche:**

1. Has any department or crown company purchased property, buildings, machinery, and/or equipment from Colonel Georges Couture, of the city of Quebec, since January 1, 1949?

2. If so, what were such purchases, when were they made, by what department or crown company, and what were the terms of purchase in each case?

**MOTION FOR PAPERS**

PERSONS HAVING TRAVELLED TO U.S.S.R., POLAND,  
HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SINCE  
JANUARY, 1950

**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

For the complete file of correspondence respecting each and every person who, to the knowledge of any department of the government, has travelled to (a) U.S.S.R.; (b) Poland; (c) Hungary; (d) Czechoslovakia, since the first day of January, 1950, together with a copy of all correspondence which passed between each of the said persons and the department of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, prior to the issue of passport to each of said persons.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** Mr. Speaker, we feel we must urge reasons why this request should not be granted, so perhaps it had better stand until the hon. member in whose name it is inscribed on the order paper is present.

**Mr. Speaker:** Motion stands.

**WHEAT**

STORAGE FACILITIES AT CHURCHILL—REQUEST  
FOR ENLARGEMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. R. Knight (Saskatoon):** Yesterday I asked a question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I wonder if he can answer it today.

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport):** Perhaps that question should have been addressed to me. It reads:

Has the minister recently received representations from the Saskatchewan wheat pools as to enlarging the storage facilities for grain at the port of Churchill? Does the government propose to take any action in that regard?

So far as the first part of the question is concerned, no representations have been received by me from the Saskatchewan wheat pools to the effect mentioned in the question. I understand the position is the same in so far as my colleague the Minister of Trade and Commerce is concerned. I saw the members of the national harbours board, and they indicated to me they had received no requests along the lines suggested by the hon. member's question.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

QUESTION AS TO RETENTION OF PENSION RIGHTS  
BY RETIRED EMPLOYEES APPLYING FOR  
OLD AGE SECURITY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggar):** On November 1 I directed a question to the Minister of Transport concerning gratuities granted for retirement on account of ill health by the Canadian National Railways. The minister stated he had asked the officials of the Canadian National Railways to give attention to that point, and when he heard from them he would communicate the information to the house. Has that information been received?

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport):** No, but I expect to have it tomorrow, and I shall be glad to give it to the house.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE—QUESTION AS  
TO PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER FAIR  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. W. Noseworthy (York South):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Labour? Are the employees of the national employment service in Ontario protected by the Ontario Fair Employment Practices Act, as are other employees in that province? If not, will the minister explain why not?

**Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour):** I shall look into the question, Mr. Speaker, and give the hon. member a reply.

**OLD AGE SECURITY**

PROOF OF AGE—QUESTION AS TO USE OF CENSUS  
RECORDS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gordon Graydon (Peel):** I did not give the Minister of National Health and Welfare notice of this question because the situation that I want to bring to his attention only came to my notice through a constituent of mine about an hour or so ago. Is it the minister's intention to avail himself of the census records in connection with proof of age for applications for universal pension? The reason I ask is that I understand the government has that in mind. I was hoping the minister would make some statement soon that that was going to be done, so the older people would be relieved of the anxiety they feel.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** As I indicated when