

*Motions for Papers*

Department of Trade and Commerce; (h) board of transport commissioners; (i) Department of Transport?

2. Who occupies the various positions in the said establishments?

## BUTTER—IMPORTS, EXPORTS, RATE OF DUTY

**Mr. MacKenzie:**

1. How many pounds of butter have been (a) imported; (b) exported by Canada, during each of the calendar years from 1926 to 1950, inclusive?

2. From what countries was the bulk of such butter imported?

3. What is the rate of duty paid on butter imported into Canada from (a) New Zealand and Australia; (b) European countries?

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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:** I think the hon. member will give me credit for endeavouring to supply all information requested and all documents asked for when that is at all possible, but in this case, speaking for the Department of External Affairs in the absence of the minister, I must oppose the motion, and I think the reasons for doing so will appeal to the hon. member. First of all it would be an infringement of the long-standing practice that passport records are confidential. On these files there are many letters from the R.C.M.P. marked "secret", and that organization would not wish to have them revealed because in some cases they would show the sources of their information.

The third reason is that releasing this information would defeat the purpose of the regulation which came into force on the 30th June, 1951, and was published in the *Canada Gazette*, No. 26, volume LXXXV, whereby holders of Canadian passports who intend to visit, among other countries, the U.S.S.R., Poland, Hungary or Czechoslovakia are required before undertaking such visits to notify the passport officer here in Ottawa or the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular officer abroad of their travel plans and of the length and purpose of their visits. The production of this information would, we think, be apt to deter those about whose plans we are most anxious to have information

**Mr. Garson:**

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. It is expected that the work will be completed and published in 1952.

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

## FEDERAL GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

**Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf):**

1. Has the federal government made any grants to Canadian universities, during the last twelve months?

2. If so, to what universities, and in what amounts?

## BOOKS—TAXES AND IMPORT DUTIES

**Mr. Knight:**

1. Under what categories are books classed for purpose of (a) sales taxes; (b) import duties?

2. Are there any other types of impost other than those outlined in question No. 1 levied against books by federal authorities?

3. What were the total amounts of (a) sales taxes; (b) import duties; (c) other taxes, collected on books by the government in each fiscal year since January 1, 1948?

4. What classes of individuals or what types of organizations are exempted from payment of any such taxes or duties, and on what basis are such persons or organizations so exempted?

## HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH NAVAL BASES—PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

**Mr. Balcom:**

1. How many changes in ranks above lieutenant commander have taken place by (a) promotions; (b) transfers, at Halifax and Dartmouth naval bases since January 1, 1951, to the present time?

2. What are the names of those promoted?

3. What are the names of those transferred?

4. What transportation charges were paid in the case of each person transferred?

5. What are the names of those retired, and the amount of retirement paid to each?

## ARMED FORCES—GOVERNMENT—SUPPLIED CLOTHING

**Mr. Fraser:**

1. How many of the men and women who are in the armed forces (a) navy; (b) army; (c) air force, are supplied with clothing by the government?

2. How many pairs of gloves or mitts have been purchased by the government during 1950, and to November 1, 1951?

3. From what firms were these purchased?

4. What was the total cost of all gloves or mitts purchased by the government?

## ESSEX WEST—POSITIONS ESTABLISHED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS

**Mr. Brown (Essex West):**

1. What positions are established in the constituency of Essex West, for (a) Department of Justice; (b) Department of Mines and Technical Surveys; (c) Department of National Defence; (d) national film board; (e) national harbours board; (f) Department of National Health and Welfare; (g)