

## Questions

of Canadian National through equipment between Quebec and La Malbaie on an inter-line basis.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. G. WYGARD

**Mr. Pearkes:**

1. Is Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Wygard, supplementary reserve, one of the group of officers representing Canada on the united nations mission for India and Pakistan?

2. If so, is he a Canadian citizen, either by birth or naturalization?

3. If by naturalization, when did he apply for and receive Canadian citizenship?

4. What service did Lieut.-Colonel Wygard have in the Canadian army?

5. When was he placed on the supplementary reserve?

6. How long has Lieut.-Colonel Wygard resided in Canada?

7. Did he, at any time during world war I, serve in the armed forces of any country at war with Canada? If so, in the forces of what country, and what rank did he hold?

**Mr. Blanchette:**

1. Yes.

2. Yes, by naturalization.

3. Applied 29th July, 1943. Received naturalization certificate 28th February, 1944.

4. Appointed lieutenant August 1942, and employed with directorate of military intelligence. Wygard continued in intelligence work for the balance of the war, serving in Ottawa; Washington, U.S.A., and London, England. He was promoted to captain in May, 1943; to major in May, 1944, and to lieutenant colonel in August, 1945.

5. 4th March, 1947.

6. Since 12th July, 1940.

7. This department has no record of this officer having served in the armed forces of any country at war with Canada during world war I.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY—APPLICATIONS FOR RATE INCREASE

**Mr. Fulton:**

1. Does the dominion government telephone service base its rates for service in whole or in part on telephone rates charged by commercial telephone companies?

2. If not, on what basis are its rates assessed?

3. Is the dominion government opposing or otherwise the applications of the British Columbia Telephone Company, a Bell Telephone subsidiary, and the Bell Telephone Company for increases in telephone rates?

4. Is the dominion government or the Department of Transport to be represented in any way before the board of transport commissioners on the hearing of the above mentioned applications? If so, how is it to be represented?

**Mr. Chevrier:**

1. In part, yes. The monthly rental is lower than a commercial company would

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charge. The long distance toll rate must necessarily be equal.

2. The monthly rental rate is assessed according to conditions prevailing in the area.

3 and 4. No. Under section 52 of the Railway Act, any aggrieved party may appeal to the governor in council. It would be inappropriate for the government to be represented by counsel at the hearing of a case upon which it might later be called to sit in judgment.

It might be added that information in the department indicates that the British Columbia Telephone Company is not a subsidiary of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY

**Mr. McLure:**

1. In what Ottawa building are the offices of the custodian of enemy property located?

2. What is the annual rental paid for office space by this branch of government?

3. How many persons are presently employed in the office of the custodian of enemy property and what is the total annual salaries paid these persons?

4. What is the estimated value of the property over which this branch of government still has supervision (a) property taken over in world war I; (b) property taken over in world war II?

**Mr. Bradley:**

1. Victoria Building, Wellington and O'Connor streets.

2. \$37,386 (including \$7,107 for Vancouver branch).

3. (a) 141 employees (including 17 in Vancouver and 4 in London, England); (b) \$429,330.76 (total salaries for the three branches).

4. (a) World war I, \$1,908,563.46; (b) world war II, \$99,136,201.63.

HOUSING—RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS—  
ALLOCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 31, 1950

**Mr. Green:**

What allocation, if any, has the treasury board made for reconstruction projects under vote 890 of the estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1950?

**Mr. Winters:** Nil.

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**Mr. Church:**

1. Will the dominion government be represented by council before the board of transport commissioners hearing the application for increased tolls by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada?

2. If so, who has been appointed to do so?

**Mr. Chevrier:** This information has been given in an answer tabled today in reply to a question asked by the hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton).

**Mr. Speaker:** Answered.