

Order for Return

	Wheat Flour cwt.	Wheat Equivalent bushels
1. Exports August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966	15,669,130	36,038,999
2. Quantity shipped to Cuba, August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966	4,496,529	10,342,016
3. Exports, August 1, 1964 to July 31, 1965	13,714,069	31,542,359
4. Domestic disappearance*, August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966	27,732,861	63,785,580
5. Domestic disappearance*, August 1, 1964 to July 31, 1965	25,521,785	58,700,106

* There are no data available re domestic sales of wheat flour as such. Domestic disappearance is derived through supply and disposition calculations for wheat flour.

RETIREMENT OF GROUP CAPTAIN LEE

Question No. 1,976—Mr. Lambert:

1. What was the date of the retirement from the R.C.A.F. of former Group Captain Wm. Lee, presently special assistant to the Minister of National Defence?

2. Was such retirement at the voluntary request of Group Captain Lee and, if so, what was the date of the application for voluntary retirement?

3. If the answer to part 2 is in the negative, was the said retirement part of the program of compulsory retirement of certain redundant service personnel inaugurated in 1964?

4. When emoluments, if any, whether of a general or special nature, were paid to Group Captain Lee on his retirement and in what amounts, and were any entitlements or payments made retroactive and to what date?

5. Does former Group Captain Lee now receive payment of any service superannuation pension and, if so, what is the date of commencement of payment of such pension?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):

1. 11 December, 1964.

2. No.

3. Yes.

4. September 1964, special benefit—\$11,040. March 1965, \$177.50 with respect to general pay increase for the period October 1, 1964 to December 11, 1964.

5. Yes, effective September 1, 1966, in accordance with the general provisions of Bill C-193 which was given royal assent on 11 July, 1966.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER
FOR RETURN

INQUIRY AS TO FERRY RATES

Question No. 1,498—Mr. Macquarrie:

1. Have any individuals and/or organizations protested the increase in fare on the C.N.R. ferries on the Borden-Tormentine run and, if so, who are they?

[Mr. Cantin.]

2. Was a resolution on this subject received from the Legislature of Prince Edward Island and, if so (a) on what date (b) was a reply sent and, if so (i) when (ii) what was the nature of this reply?

3. On what date was Premier Shaw advised of this suspension of the increase in ferry rates?

4. Will hearings be held in Prince Edward Island and, if so, on what date?

5. Have any individuals and/or organizations in Prince Edward Island sent representations favouring the increase?

6. Have the fares on any ferries in the Atlantic provinces been increased in the past three years and, if so, on what ferries and what were the amounts of the increase?

7. Have the fares on any ferries in the Atlantic provinces been reduced in the past three years and, if so, on what ferries and what were the amounts of the decrease?

Return tabled.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA
ACTAMENDMENT RESPECTING APPOINTMENT
OF JUDGES

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-236, to amend the British North America Act, 1867 (appointment of judges).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, I think all hon. members will agree that in Canada we have been most fortunate in the high quality of our judiciary and in the public confidence which it has earned. However, the Canadian Bar Association at its last annual meeting asked its executive to establish a committee on the judiciary to assist the government in carrying out its responsibilities in this regard, without interfering with its prerogative to appoint judges.

This bill proposes that the government, before making appointments, obtain the opinion of the legal profession as to the suitability and qualifications of persons being considered for appointment. In my submission this is