

Questions

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLAN

value for duty, but not exceeding fifty per cent "ad valorem", and dumping duty is payable although the goods are not otherwise dutiable. Exemption is provided in respect to goods of a class subject to duty under the Excise Act, and effective May 19, 1948, section 6 was amended providing exemption in respect to goods or classes of goods declared exempt by any order or regulation made by the governor in council.

The imposition of dumping duty was suspended by order in council under the War Measures Act from December 19, 1941, until March 31, 1947, except in respect of fresh fruits and vegetables. Certain classes of goods were exempted from liability to dumping duty from May 19, 1948. Exemption has now been withdrawn, except in respect to motor vehicles, which expires May 31, 1951, and common or colourless window glass.

The liability to dumping duty is determined by the circumstances of each import transaction, and no segregation is made in the records as to particular commodities or by tariff classification.

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 answered by No. 1.

POSTAL SERVICE—REDUCTION IN URBAN MAIL DELIVERIES

Mr. Noseworthy:

1. What was the total cost to the Post Office Department for the use of air mail service by Trans-Canada and all other air lines employed?

2. Will the curtailment of delivery service involve any change in air mail service? If so, what changes?

3. How many postal routes in the Toronto postal district formerly receiving two deliveries of mail per day will in future be reduced to one delivery?

4. How many of these are composed in whole or in part of business areas?

5. How many letter carriers will be relieved of postal routes?

6. How many of these will be employed by the post office in other positions?

Mr. Rinfret:

1. Fiscal year 1949-50. Trans-Canada Air Lines (including transatlantic and Caribbean service) \$6,578,403.01; all other air lines, \$1,719,799.30; total cost, \$8,298,202.31.

2. No major changes in air mail schedules are anticipated solely as a result of a revision of letter carrier service.

3. 547 residential routes.

4. All routes mentioned in No. 3 contain less than 25 per cent business calls. Very few of them contain no business firms.

5. 182.

6. No estimate can be given now, as this will depend on the number of vacancies occurring prior to the 31st March.

Mr. Hodgson:

1. What has been the total cost to date in connection with the general plan for improvement of the national capital?

2. What amount has been paid to Mr. Jacques Greber in this connection?

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. \$453,538.87 (amount expended by the Department of Public Works).

2. \$51,114.38.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—EMPLOYEES IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Browne (St. John's West):

1. How many employees of the Department of Agriculture are working in Newfoundland?

2. What are the positions and respective salaries of those appointed since April 1, 1950?

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES—ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY CONTRACTS

Mr. Coldwell:

1. In the fiscal year 1949-50, what firms have supplied or contracted to supply advertising and publicity for each of the government departments and agencies?

2. What amounts were paid for these services to each of these firms in the fiscal year 1949-50?

WEBBER BUILDING, KINGSTON

Mr. Aylesworth:

1. Does the government rent the Webber building in Kingston?

2. If so, from whom, and at what annual rental?

3. What department of the government is using the building?

4. Do they use all of the available floor space? If not, what percentage do they use?

5. Were any repairs or alterations made to the interior of the building?

6. If so, who paid for these repairs or alterations?

7. If the government paid, who were the contractors?

8. What was the cost of these repairs or alterations?

9. Is there a staff employed to maintain this building?

10. If so, how many are on the staff, and what are their positions and salaries?

11. Has the government taken steps to purchase this building?

12. If so, what is the proffered purchase price?

13. Has it been accepted?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

STEEL EXPANSION—NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Carroll:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, memoranda, or other documents exchanged during the past year between the Minister of Trade and Commerce or any other minister, department or official, and the premier of Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia Minister of Trade and Industry, dealing with the question of steel expansion.