Orders for Returns

Mr. Brooks: Do I understand the parliamentary assistant to say that this information which is published every two weeks is available.

Mr. McIlraith: The information as to defence contracts awarded is available and published for each two-weeks period, but the break-down by provinces as asked for is not available. The explanation as to why that is so was given on November 5, 1951, in answer to a question by the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Dinsdale) and on March 12, 1951, in answer to a question by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Thatcher).

The reason is that the indexing of the contract awards is done by the postal address given by the contractors. In many cases these postal addresses do not have relationship to the places where the work is to be done or the head office of the company or the factory, as the case may be. It therefore becomes meaningless when you attempt to group the contracts by provinces in that way. The index of contracts awarded does not take any account of subcontracts, and that of course is a very substantial part of the defence production effort.

Mr. Brooks: Mr. Speaker, I object to this question being dropped. It seems to me it is a far-fetched argument to say that the postal addresses where these contracts are let are available; they have the provinces. I think we should have it by provinces.

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 46 on the order paper, answered.

PULPWOOD-EXPORTS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. Brooks:

How many cords of pulpwood have been exported from the province of New Brunswick for the years 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 to date?

Mr. McIlraith:

Year—Cords:

1946, 438,066; 1947, 489,409; 1948, 571,164; 1949, 418,090; 1950, 425,724; Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1951, 546,240.

Note: Above figures represent shipments cleared through customs ports in the province of New Brunswick. Province of origin is not recorded in trade statistics.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

NEWFOUNDLAND—ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INDUSTRIES

Mr. Higgins:

1. Are new industries to be established in Newfoundland? If so, what are they?

2. What are the nationalities of the principals who are to establish the new industries?

[Mr. McIlraith.]

- 3. What is the estimated cost of establishing each of the new industries, and how is the cost to be financed?
- 4. Has the government been requested by the government of Newfoundland to investigate the principals of these new industries as to their financial responsibility?

5. Has the government been asked by the government of Newfoundland to investigate the economic feasibility of these proposed new industries?

6. Has any assistance by way of loan or otherwise been requested by the government of Newfoundland in connection with the financing of these proposed new industries?

7. If so, what requests have been made?

Mr. Rinfret: Return tabled.

CANADIAN ARMY—EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS AND COURSES

Mr. Churchill:

- 1. Are educational courses under army direction available to personnel in the active army (a) in Canada, including camps and hospitals; (b) overseas?
- 2. What courses are offered?
- 3. Are there educational officers or N.C.O.'s with each unit or formation in the Canadian active army?
- 4. Are these officers or N.C.O.'s responsible in the first instance for education courses or are their duties in education secondary to other military duties?

FEDERAL HEALTH GRANTS—APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

Mr. Knowles:

- 1. How many applications for grants for research purposes, under the federal health grants program, have been made by each province since January 1, 1950?
- 2. How many of these applications, by provinces, have been (a) granted; (b) refused?

PURCHASES BY DEPARTMENTS OR CROWN COMPANIES FROM ST. LAWRENCE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Mr. Courtemanche:

- 1. Has any department or crown company purchased property, buildings, machinery, and/or equipment from St. Lawrence Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, 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?

PURCHASES BY DEPARTMENTS OR CROWN COM-PANIES FROM JOSEPH CAUCHON

Mr. Couriemanche:

- 1. Has any department or crown company purchased property, buildings, and/or equipment from Joseph Cauchon, 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?