

Mr. Chevrier: Representations were made some time ago by the premier of Newfoundland, urging the federal government to make provision for a motor car ferry to ply between North Sydney and Port aux Basques, and the matter is now under active consideration.

Motions for Papers

PASPEBIAC, QUE., WHARF

Mr. Courtemanche:

For a copy of the specifications used in connection with the work performed on the wharf at Paspebiac, county of Bonaventure, Quebec, during the fall of 1949.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY—NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. Hatfield:

For a copy of all letters, correspondence, maps, and other documents, from January 1, 1949, to date, exchanged between the dominion government and the province of New Brunswick dealing with the trans-Canada highway.

Mr. Prudham: There is no objection to providing these papers, subject only to approval by the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker: Carried, subject to the reservation made by the parliamentary assistant.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

IMPORTS OF ALBUMEN

Mr. Knight:

1. What quantity, in pounds weight, of albumen (dried egg whites powdered or crystal), were imported into Canada in 1949 and 1950 to date?
2. What were the quantities by months, by ports of entry, and by countries of origin?
3. Has any such albumen been imported into Canada from China during the period mentioned? If so, how much?

Mr. McIlraith: Return tabled.

U.S. AIR BASES IN CANADA—EMPLOYMENT OF CANADIAN CIVILIANS

Mr. Black (Cumberland):

1. Are Canadian civilians employed at the United States air base, Goose Bay, Labrador, and other such bases in Canada, paid in Canadian funds? If so, for what reason?
2. Were such Canadian civilians previously paid in American funds?
3. Are such Canadian civilians required to pay for meals, living quarters, admission to theatres, canteen expenses, etc., in American funds? If so, for what reason?
4. Do such Canadian civilians enjoy unemployment insurance benefits? If not, for what reason?
5. How many Canadians are at airports where the United States authorities are in charge?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

BONAVENTURE, QUE., BREAKWATER

Mr. Courtemanche:

For a copy of all payrolls showing the names of and amounts paid to all persons employed in connection with the construction of a breakwater in Bonaventure parish, county of Bonaventure, Quebec, along with a list of all materials used in this work.

ST. CHARLES DE CAPLAN, QUE., WHARF

Mr. Courtemanche:

For a copy of all payrolls and a statement of materials purchased in connection with the repairs to the wharf of St. Charles de Caplan, county of Bonaventure, Quebec, during 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Mr. Courtemanche:

For a copy of all payrolls and a statement of materials purchased in connection with the work done by the Department of Public Works between January 1 and May 1, 1950, on the protection or wharf facilities in the vicinity of the Henri Leblanc property, otherwise known as the Manoir St. Charles, at St. Charles de Caplan, Bonaventure county, Quebec.

DEFENCE SUPPLIES

PROVISION FOR PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION, STORING OF MATERIALS, ETC.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a bill, cited as the Defence Supplies Act, to empower the Minister of Trade and Commerce to buy or otherwise acquire and deal with defence supplies; construct or otherwise acquire, projects; acquire, store and otherwise deal with material entering into the manufacture of defence supplies or the development, repair or maintenance of projects; arrange for the performance of commercial and professional services; require priority in delivery or construction and to require persons who have received offers, fair and reasonable in his opinion, for supplies, projects or services, to meet the requirements subject to an appeal to the exchequer court on the question of price; also to empower the minister to buy or otherwise acquire defence supplies and construct or carry out projects required by the Department of National Defence; also to empower the governor in council to appoint assistants to the minister and advisers and advisory boards and to fix their remuneration and expenses; with provision also for the approval by the governor in council of contracts except in emergent cases and where the sum involved does not exceed a certain specified amount.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE

PROVISION FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A RESIDENCE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to provide for the operation and maintenance of a