

1st September, 1946 (consolidation of salary and cost of living bonus)—\$1,644-\$1,764-\$1,884-\$2,004-\$2,124.

1st October, 1947—\$1,620-\$1,740-\$1,860-\$1,980-\$2,100-\$2,160.

The adjustment effective 1st October, 1947, provided that employees in receipt of salary at the rates of \$1,644-\$1,764-\$1,884 would receive an immediate increase of \$216 per annum, those at \$2,004, an immediate increase of \$156 per annum and those at \$2,124 an immediate increase of \$36 per annum.

3. No further action is being taken at present.

CHARTERED BANKS—LOANS FOR CAPITAL
INVESTMENT—CASH RESERVES

Mr. MENARY:

What was the total amount for all chartered banks in Canada of (a) loans for capital investment; (b) cash reserves, as of December 31, 1945, 1946 and 1947?

Mr. BELZILE:

(a) Not of government record. The Bank Act does not require the chartered banks to make returns concerning loans for capital investment.

(b) Deposits by chartered banks with the Bank of Canada and Bank of Canada notes held by chartered banks:

December 31, 1945	\$684,064,748
December 31, 1946	742,330,862
December 31, 1947	720,070,193

IMMIGRATION—CHINESE

Mr. CAMPBELL:

1. How many wives and families of Chinese Canadian citizens have been allowed entry into Canada during the past two months?

2. Has the immigration office been opened and staffed in Hong Kong?

Mr. MacKINNON:

1. None for the two months prior to May 1. Records for May not yet available.

2. Yes; office reopened April 6, 1948.

DESERONTO POST OFFICE—BOXES

Mr. STOKES:

1. Has any report been made to the Post Office Department regarding a large number of post office boxes being out of order in Deseronto post office?

2. If so, what steps are being taken to remedy this situation?

3. Is the department going to furnish more boxes for this office?

Mr. BERTRAND (Laurier):

1. Yes.

2. Additional details being obtained.

3. Yes, if detailed report indicates need.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS
FOR RETURNS

IMPORTS OF DRIED PEACHES AND CANNED
FRUITS—BRAZIL NUTS

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. Since the first of January, 1948, what has been the value of imports into Canada from the United States of (a) dried peaches; (b) canned peaches and apricots; (c) mixed fruit in cans; (d) brazil nuts?

2. Were special import permits granted therefor and if so under what circumstances?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): Return tabled.

INDIANS—PIAPOT RESERVE—SURRENDER OF LANDS

Mr. MacNICOL:

1. How many acres of land were surrendered by the Indians on the Piapot reserve to the crown for resale to soldiers under Statutes of Canada 1919, chapter 71?

2. What was the average price per acre payable to the band for said lands?

3. What disposition was made (a) of the money payable to the band in such surrender; (b) of accumulated interest thereon?

4. Did the surrender include minerals?

5. How many acres of the said lands were sold to soldier settlers?

6. What was the average sale price per acre?

7. Did sales to soldiers include minerals or are the minerals retained by either the crown or the soldier settlement board?

8. Were any portions of said lands transferred by the crown to the soldier settlement board?

9. Did such transfer include minerals?

10. For what purpose were the said lands and/or minerals transferred to said board?

11. Are the minerals held in trust for the Indians or for whose benefit are they being retained?

MARSHLANDS

RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT—ASSISTANCE
TO MARITIME PROVINCES

Hon. ERNEST BERTRAND (for the Minister of Agriculture) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a bill to assist the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in the reclamation and development of marshlands in the said provinces by the construction and reconstruction of works necessary therefor and the purchase of required machinery and equipment. Works may be undertaken only on the recommendation of an advisory committee to be established under the act and upon terms and conditions agreed upon with the province concerned prior to the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five. The Minister of Agriculture is empowered to appoint necessary temporary officers and employees to be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund with provision also for the payment of expenses of members of the advisory committees.