

Mr. Coldwell: Might I ask that the question be allowed to stand until the hon. member for Assiniboia returns?

Mr. McIlraith: There is no objection to allowing the question to stand until the hon. member returns.

Question stands.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES, QUEBEC

Mr. Lafontaine:

What amounts were paid as family allowances in the province of Quebec, during the years 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948?

Mr. Martin:

Calendar year: 1945, \$38,161,282; 1946, \$80,990,109; 1947, \$87,097,709; 1948, \$88,831,366.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE

Mr. White (Middlesex East):

1. Is fire insurance carried by the Post Office Department on contents of the post offices at Dorchester, Ontario, Byron, Ontario, and Thornedale, Ontario? If so, how much is carried and with what companies is the insurance placed?

2. Is theft insurance carried by the Post Office Department on the contents of post offices at the above mentioned places? If so, (a) what is the maximum amount of insurance that is carried on each; (b) what is the premium paid on each; (c) to what companies are the premiums paid?

3. In the case of theft insurance where the loss is greater than the maximum amount of insurance carried, who sustains the loss?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspé):

1. No.

2. No.

3. See answers to Nos. 1 and 2.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY, N.S.—RURAL MAIL ROUTE

Mr. Black (Cumberland):

1. When were last tenders called for rural mail route Aspen and Caledonia via New Town, Guysborough county, Nova Scotia?

2. When were tenders received, giving (a) name of tenderers; (b) amount of each tender?

3. Who held the previous contract, stating amount?

4. To whom has contract been let, stating amount?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspé):

1. February 3, 1953.

2. February 27, 1953;

(a) and (b) Sterling Manson MacKeen, Aspen, \$1,800; Stuart Ellis McKeen, Aspen, \$1,950; Sterling Manson MacKeen, Aspen, \$1,950; James Everett Kirk, Aspen, \$2,080; Frederick McGrath, Aspen, \$2,099; Fraser McGrath, Aspen, \$2,299; Ross MacDonald Archibald, Glenelg, \$2,480.

3. Fraser McGrath, \$2,700.

4. The contract has not yet been awarded.

Orders for Returns

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

NATIONAL DEFENCE—PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN VICTORIA, B.C.

Mr. Pearkes:

1. Did the Department of National Defence, in recent years, acquire property on Haultain street, Victoria, British Columbia?

2. If so, what was the extent of this property?

3. From whom was it obtained?

4. If purchased, what was the price paid?

5. For what purpose was the land acquired?

6. Is the government, through crown assets corporation, offering this property for sale?

7. If so, under what terms?

8. Was it the intention of the Department of National Defence at any time to construct a training centre for auxiliary units of the Royal Canadian Air Force, on this property?

9. Was there an understanding that this property was to be retained for the Royal Canadian Air Force?

10. What provision is now being made to accommodate Royal Canadian Air Force units and air cadets in Victoria, British Columbia?

Mr. Blanchette: Return tabled.

CRIMINAL CODE, INDICTABLE OFFENCES

Mr. Robichaud:

1. How many charges have been laid for indictable offences, under the Criminal Code, in each province of Canada, during the years 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952?

2. How many convictions were obtained, as a result of the said charges, in each of the said provinces, during each of the above mentioned years?

3. What was the nature of the offences for which convictions were obtained in each of the said provinces, during each of the above mentioned years?

Mr. McIlraith: Return tabled.

HALIFAX—GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

Mr. Balcom:

What cash grants have been given Halifax city in lieu of taxes by the federal government for the fiscal year 1952-53?

MR. D. LAHIRI

Mr. Pearkes:

1. Has a Mr. D. Lahiri been employed in the Department of Defence Production?

2. If so, during what period was he in the employ of the department?

3. Of what nationality is the said Mr. Lahiri?

4. Does he, or has he at any time held military rank?

5. If he is no longer in the employ of the department, for what reasons were his services dispensed with?

6. Were his passages to and from Canada assisted? If so, to what extent did he receive financial assistance?

7. What salary did he receive while employed by the department?

8. Was he screened for communist activities before being given employment?

9. Is the present whereabouts of Mr. Lahiri known?