

Inquiries of the Ministry

MOTION FOR PAPERS

**CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION
—EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Pouliot:

For a chart of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, indicating positions, grades, names and salaries.

UNEMPLOYMENT

**BRITISH COLUMBIA—REPRESENTATIONS FROM
LEGION AND LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Angus MacInnis (Vancouver East): I have a question to ask the Minister of Labour, which in his absence I shall address to his parliamentary assistant. Has the Minister of Labour had a communication from the Canadian Legion and labour organizations in Vancouver in regard to the growing unemployment situation, and asking for a government program?

Mr. Paul E. Cote (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour): I shall make inquiries and let the hon. member know as soon as possible.

IMMIGRATION

**TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL FROM
OTTAWA TO MONTREAL AND TORONTO**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): Mr. Speaker, on Monday the hon. member for Peterborough West (Mr. Fraser), as reported at page 2022 of *Hansard*, asked if Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation are supplying houses to the Department of Mines and Resources for immigration staff in Montreal and Toronto. The answer is no.

Mr. F. E. Lennard (Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Mines and Resources, arising out of an article which appeared last night in the press. Why are certain personnel of the immigration branch being moved to Toronto and Montreal before Christmas? Why the rush?

Hon. Colin Gibson (Minister of Mines and Resources): That question was asked the other day, and I think it was then stated by Mr. Speaker that the question should be placed on the order paper. However, the reason is that the immigration branch is opening district offices in central and eastern Canada. That has been announced, and employees were informed some three months ago. While some of them may be required to move before Christmas, it will be advantageous to many of them if they move their families before or during the Christmas

supplied by the Royal Canadian Navy, the national research council, the Department of Fisheries and the hydrographic and meteorological services, have made oceanographic observations in the gulf of St. Lawrence and the Scotian shelf.

4. Yes. The Pacific group, following the planned program as in (3) and with similar assistance, have made oceanographic observations on a number of points off the British Columbia coast, including Chatham sound, strait of Georgia and Alberni canal. Observations were also taken at a number of shore stations, and off Swiftsure banks.

5. Yes. By the fisheries research board in Ungava bay, where an investigation of the fisheries resources of the eastern Arctic has been in progress since 1947.

Oceanographic observations were also made in Hudson bay during the Royal Canadian Navy cruise there in 1948.

During the summer of 1949 oceanographic observations were made during a joint United States Navy-Royal Canadian Navy cruise in the Bering sea.

6. Yes. As soon as trained oceanographic personnel and ships are available.

**BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY—APPLICATION FOR
INTERIM INCREASE IN RATES**

Mr. Church:

1. What action, if any, will be taken by the government to prevent the Bell Telephone Company imposing a surtax of ten per cent on all bills?

2. Is it within the powers of the transport board at present to allow the Bell Telephone Company to take this action now?

3. What action has or will be taken in the matter?

Mr. Winters:

1. The company's application for an interim increase of 10 per cent will be duly heard by the board of transport commissioners in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Act.

2. Yes.

3. See answer to No. 1.

**QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR
RETURN**

**FILMS FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS—
PRODUCTION BY COMMERCIAL FIRMS**

Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. What is the total expenditure in each of the years 1946 to 1949 for the production and processing of films for any government department or departments by commercial firms, giving particulars of the said commercial firms and the amount paid to each?

2. Did the national film board make any decision during said years that it considered the use of commercial firms for the production of films advisable in the public interest? If so, in what case or cases, on what date or dates did it so decide and for what reason in each case?