Motion for Papers

Rudolph-McChesney Lumber Co. Ltd., Timmins.

D. H. Wigston, O.D., Timmins. Ostrosser and Company.

Timmins Glass Shop.

H. W. O'Gorman.

Louis Degilie, Timmins.

Robert F. Allen, Timmins.

E. D. Dobson, Timmins.

Schumacher Hardware and Furniture. John J. Regan, Timmins.

T. A. Richardson & Co., Timmins.

Tri-Town Motors Ltd., Timmins. J. W. Spooner, Minister of Lands and Forests, Toronto.

Corporation of the town of Timmins.

Superintendent of Anglican church Indian school administration, Ottawa.

Missionaries at Attawapiskat and Fort

George.

R. Hancock, Great Whale River.

Town of Timmins industrial commission. Gordon Aiken, M.P.

V. M. Gren, superintendent of the James Bay Indian agency at Moose Factory.

D. A. Wilderspin, manager of the James Bay district of Hudson's Bay Company.

Missionaries at Moosonee, Eastmain, Rupert House, Albany and Old Factory.

Phelps Dodge Construction Corporation of Canada Ltd., Toronto.

Dr. Moore, Indian and northern health services.

W. G. Penny, Hudson's Bay Co. manager

at Great Whale River. L. R. Berry, field engineer for Joburke Gold Mines Ltd.

J. A. Cousineau, notary, Timmins.

A. Bergeron, Timmins.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS

Question No. 141-Mr. Benidickson:

1. (a) what was the aggregate book value and principal amount of investments held by the unemployment insurance commission as of March 31, 1960? (b) what was the book value, principal amount, rate of interest and date of maturity of each of the investments held by the unemploy-ment insurance commission as of March 31, 1960? (c) what change occurred in the position of each of these investments for each month since March 31, 1959?

2. Has the unemployment insurance fund made any borrowings since March 31, 1959? If so, what amounts, on what dates, and at what rate of

interest?

LABOUR FORCE TURNOVER, NAVAL ARSENALS

Question No. 350-Mr. Peters:

1. What is the annual labour force turnover in percentages in the four Canadian naval arsenals, Renous, New Brunswick, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Kamloops and Rocky Point, British Columbia?

2. What is the annual percentage of turnover in each arsenal for the years 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959?

3. What percentage of turnover of the labour forces for all departments is considered normal?

MOTION FOR PAPERS

ANNA BADMAN, VANCOUVER-BAIL REFUND

Motion No. 94-Mr. Howard:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams or other documents received by the government or any department or agency thereof since January 1, 1957, dealing with the refunding of estreated bail to Mrs. Anna Badman of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): This motion deals with correspondence, telegrams or other documents received by the government in respect of a matter involving consideration of the exercise of the powers of remission, which are exercisable under the prerogative of mercy.

As I explained to the house on May 2, documents of this type are by consistent policy not produced. In the course of consideration of such matters as are involved here, considerable correspondence is normally exchanged, and communications are received by way of letters and reports which often are confidential reports on the person who is the subject of inquiry, including police reports. The entire files are therefore regarded as confidential, since to produce such correspondence and documents would destroy the confidential nature of the exchange and deprive us of the benefit of having an unrestricted expression of views on the matter in question.

For this and other reasons it has always been considered contrary to public policy to produce material such as that asked for in this motion. However, I have indicated to the hon, gentleman, and should like to repeat here, that if it will be of assistance to him I will be prepared to show him the files personally in order that he may satisfy himself that there is nothing improper or unusual in any of the correspondence that is here. In such circumstances I would hope that he might agree to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member willing in the circumstances to withdraw the motion?

Mr. Howard: I think I cannot do so, Mr. Speaker, because the minister has already answered a question asked by the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. McIlraith) in which he gave certain information. The motion in effect asks for additional information related to some individuals whose names are given in the answer.

Mr. Speaker: Is the house ready for the question?