

*Inquiries of the Ministry*CIVILIAN DEFENCE PERSONNEL—TRAVELLING
EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. What was the total amount of the travelling expenses and allowances of all officers and employees in connection with civilian defence during each of the fiscal years 1948-49 and 1949-50?

2. What was the largest individual amount expended in each of said years?

PUBLIC WORKS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Browne (St. John's West):

1. What was the cost of public works in each of the ridings in Newfoundland during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949?

2. What amounts were spent for (a) wharves; (b) breakwaters; (c) dredging?

PUBLIC SERVICE—TRAVELLING EXPENSES, ETC.

Mr. Diefenbaker:

How many civil servants or officials in the fiscal year 1949-50 received in addition to salaries and travelling expenses living allowances in excess of \$5,000?

INDIAN ACT

CONSOLIDATION AND CLARIFICATION—BAND
FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES, ETC.

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend, consolidate and clarify the Indian Act, and to provide, *inter alia*, for band funds and expenditures therefrom, and for other appropriations in case of deficiency or lack of band funds.

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.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

REPORT AS TO TIGHTENING UP OF REGULATIONS
IN ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare? Can the minister say whether the report in today's press is correct that the federal authorities have called upon those responsible for old age pension administration in Ontario to tighten up their regulations, with the result that the pension of some 7,000 people in Ontario is being reduced?

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I have not seen the report to which my hon. friend directs my

[Mr. Ross (Hamilton East).]

attention. All I can say is that there have been no changes in the regulations for over some two or three years.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN

PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION—DAMMING OF
BEAUVAIS LAKE, ALTA.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. Hansell (Macleod): May I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture? Can the minister facilitate the bringing down of a return which was passed in my name on May 3 respecting a small prairie farm rehabilitation project near Pincher Creek?

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture): I will facilitate the bringing down of the return.

FLOOD CONDITIONS

SOUTHERN MANITOBA—RESTORATION OF HOUSES
RENTED BY VETERANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Resources and Development. In answer to a question yesterday the minister said, as reported at page 3030 of *Hansard*:

All such houses owned and operated by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will be restored to good condition at the earliest possible day.

Will he tell the house at whose expense?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Resources and Development): I received notice of this question just as I came into the house. I think I can inform the house that houses owned and operated by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will be restored to good condition at the expense of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Mr. Bryce: It will not be charged up to the tenants or owners?

Mr. Winters: The expenses will be borne by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE—SYDNEY AND
LONDON—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra): I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. When may we have a statement from him concerning the commonwealth conference which took place recently at Sydney, Australia?