

## Questions

qualified candidate was secured as a result of a competition; he took up his duties on August 1, 1953.

2. Mr. Stallard was a graduate assistant in mathematics at Queen's University. Mr. Tilley was a part-time lecturer in physics at Sir George Williams' College and at Macdonald College. Mr. Mandel was an instructor in English at University College, Toronto. Mr. Smith was an instructor in history at the University of Alberta.

3. Of the five professors above named, four are civilians appointed as a result of competitions held by the civil service commission. The notice for teaching positions at le Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean pointed out that in the exercise of certain duties it would be necessary to lecture in English while for others it would be necessary to lecture in French. English-speaking, French-speaking and bilingual candidates were invited to apply. As a result of the competitions, forty professors were appointed, of whom ten were assigned to lecture in French only, six in English only, and the remaining twenty-four in both languages. Among the six assigned to lecture in English only are the five professors mentioned in the question.

## COAL AND GOLD MINES—NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

**Mr. Purdy:**

According to the latest figures, what is the number of employees in (a) the coal mines of Canada; (b) the gold mines of Canada?

**Mr. Dickey:**

(a) and (b)

	Number of Employees	
	Coal Mining	Gold Mining
1953		
Jan. 1 .....	22,777	20,302
Feb. 1 .....	22,818	20,306
Mar. 1 .....	22,412	19,957
Apr. 1 .....	21,191	19,888
May 1 .....	20,881	19,945
June 1 .....	20,476	20,112
July 1 .....	19,623	20,196
Aug. 1 .....	19,517	19,926
Sept. 1 .....	19,236	18,956
Oct. 1 .....	19,607	15,934
Nov. 1 .....	19,965	15,820
Dec. 1 .....	20,155	15,379
Average for year ....	20,722	18,893

Source: Reports from employers having 15 or more employees.

Note: The declines in employment in gold mining during the later months of the year were largely caused by labour-management disputes in this industry.

[Mr. Blanchette.]

## IMPORTS—SOYA BEANS AND COPRA

**Mr. Pommer:**

1. What amount of soya beans was imported into Canada in the year 1953?
2. What amount of copra was imported into Canada in the year 1953?

**Mr. Dickey:**

1. 274,807,510 pounds.
2. 24,828,590 pounds.

## \*EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—SECURITY—STATEMENT OF MINISTER

**Mr. Fulton:**

1. Did the Secretary of State for External Affairs make the following statement in Washington, D.C., on March 15, 1954, in connection with the Canadian government's method of dealing with communist subversion: "We leave that to the agencies of government appointed for that purpose, who work quietly and, we think, fairly and effectively and normally without benefit of headline; and who are all responsible to some minister. He in his turn is responsible to parliament, of which he is an elected member, and answers for the conduct of his officials on the floor of the House of Commons"?

2. If so, does this statement reflect official government policy?

3. Will the government now give answers to questions in the house seeking information as to the nature and extent of its security program, including answers to the questions following?

4. What agencies of government have been appointed for the purposes referred to?

5. To what minister are they responsible?

6. Who are the officials for whom the minister is answerable to parliament in this field?

7. What are the activities of these agencies for which the minister concerned will give answers in the house?

8. What is the total number of government employees of all categories dismissed, released from government service, or transferred to less sensitive positions in the government service, for security reasons, since January 1, 1947?

**Mr. St. Laurent:** Mr. Speaker, this question has before it an asterisk, which denotes that the hon. member putting the question wishes to have it answered orally. This question is in eight paragraphs, the first of which is as follows:

Did the Secretary of State for External Affairs make the following statement in Washington, D.C., on March 15, 1954, in connection with the Canadian government's method of dealing with communist subversion:

And then follows the quotation. The answer to that question is yes.

The second question is:

If so, does this statement reflect official government policy?

The answer is that this statement is a description of Canadian parliamentary practice and government organization, and the way it normally works, rather than a declaration of policy.