

Questions

2. Are these offices owned by the government, rented or leased?
3. If rented or leased, from whom?
4. What rental is paid per year?
5. Does the rental paid include heating, lighting and janitor service?
6. If so, what amount of the rental is allocated for such services?

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. Two.
2. One office, which is occupied by the customs division, is located in the public building, and the other, which is occupied by the income tax division, is in a rented building.
3. Joseph G. Azar.
4. \$20,448.77.
5. The rental includes heating and janitor service, but not lighting.
6. No information.

maintains eight buildings in which immigrants may be housed and fed. These buildings are located in Halifax, Saint John, N.B., Quebec, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Victoria.

2. (a) The average cost per person per day of maintaining immigrants at Department of Labour hostels is \$2.88, which includes rent, salaries, services, food, and other supplies and depreciation. (b) The cost of maintaining immigrants in buildings operated by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration is approximately \$2.50 per person per day. This includes food, salaries of catering staff, light, heat, laundry, and small items of kitchenware.

IMMIGRATION—SHORTAGE OF SHIPPING—
PRIORITY

Mr. Churchill:

1. Is there a shortage of shipping for (a) British immigrants; (b) other immigrants, by countries?
2. Is British immigration being held back by shortage of shipping?
3. If so, what is the order of priority, if any, allowing British immigrants to come forward as among different categories?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce):

1. (a) Yes. (b) Yes. All European countries, in varying degrees, with the exception of Mediterranean countries.
2. See answer to No. 1.

3. The Canadian government does not control the booking of passage by private companies. The booking of passage is handled by the transportation companies.

NORTH RUSTICO BAY, P.E.I.—CONSTRUCTION OF
BOAT HARBOUR

Mr. McLure:

1. Were tenders called for the building of the boat harbour at North Rustico bay?
2. If not, will this work be completed by day's labour?
3. Will this boat harbour or boat protection be built in one place, or will it accommodate fishermen at the north end of bay as well as south?
4. What is the estimated amount for this work?

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. Yes, a contract was awarded for repairs to the breakwater at an estimated cost of \$19,483.50.
2. Further repairs to the breakwater, estimated to cost \$4,900 are being performed by day labour. Repairs to the North Rustico wharf, estimated to cost \$2,500, have also been authorized.
3. The breakwater is maintained for protection of the harbour entrance as well as for protection of fishing establishments in its

NATURAL GAS AND OIL PIPE LINES—INVESTIGATION BY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Knowles:

1. Has there been made by any branch or department of the federal government an investigation or study of the whole question of natural gas and/or oil pipe lines, including any or all aspects of the question?
2. If so, has such investigation or study resulted in the preparation of a report thereon?
3. If there is such a report, is it available to members of parliament and to the public?

Mr. McIlraith:

1. Yes.
2. A confidential report on the crude petroleum industry, dated July, 1950 and one on the natural gas industry, dated May, 1951, were prepared for use by the government.
3. These reports are confidential, prepared by government employees for government use and therefore not available for general distribution.

IMMIGRATION—HOSTELS AND COSTS OF
MAINTAINING IMMIGRANTS

Mr. Churchill:

1. How many hostels are there to deal with arriving immigrants, and where are they located?
2. What is the cost per person per day of maintaining immigrants in these hostels (a) when maintained by the Department of Labour; (b) when maintained by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce):

1. (a) The Department of Labour operates two hostels for the reception of immigrant workers, one located at St. Paul l'Ermite, Quebec, and one at Ajax, Ontario. (b) The Department of Citizenship and Immigration