

Questions

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2. The appointments of the temporary census commissioners, field supervisors, and enumerators, required for the census, are exempted from the provisions of the Civil Service Act (P.C. 170/5322 of November 4, 1950) and the selection of these employees is left to the Department of Trade and Commerce. In making these appointments the minister did receive recommendations from various people, including members of parliament.

3. Yes. The objective was to secure the most competent man for the job. The appointment of each commissioner was made on the basis of his qualifications, which were: a good education, with subsequent professional or business experience in a supervisory capacity; intimate knowledge of the constituency or district; proven executive and organizing ability; tact, good judgment and ability to deal with the public.

4. The decennial census has been taken at the same time every ten years and the public should be well aware of it.

Considerable publicity has been given to the forthcoming census, its aims, organization, the numbers of commissioners and enumerators required, et cetera, by means of official releases and write-ups in the Canadian press.

5. It is the duty of the commissioner to provide suitable candidates for enumerators for the various subdistricts in his area.

The procedure to be followed in the final selection of enumerators is as follows:—

(a) The commissioner will supply the field supervisor with a list of candidates.

(b) The field supervisor will notify each candidate to report on a day between May 12 and 14, inclusive, at his own expense, stating the time and place.

(c) On the appointed day the candidates will be given a written test.

(d) The field supervisor will forward the marks obtained by each candidate to the commissioner for transmittal to the regional census office of the dominion bureau of statistics. Test papers must be kept for the duration of the census.

(e) After passing the initial test each enumerator will be given an intensive training and will be further tested as to his competence for the work of enumeration.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK—LOANS FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Higgins:**

Has the government given any consideration to amending the Industrial Development Bank Act so as to enable the bank to make loans for fisheries development?

**Mr. Sinclair:** The Industrial Development Bank Act permits the making of loans for the processing of fish. Any amendment to this act to broaden its scope is a matter of government policy and it is not the practice to forecast government policy in answering questions.

IMPORTS OF BUTTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

**Mr. Charlton:**

1. What quantities of butter were imported from New Zealand into Canada since January 1, 1951?

2. Who were the importers, and what amount was imported by each of them?

3. What was the Canadian seaboard price in the case of each shipment imported?

4. At what price was each such shipment sold to wholesalers in Canada?

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1. From January 1 to January 31, 1951, no butter was imported from New Zealand. Figures for the month of February are not yet available. It is understood, however, that a shipment of approximately 1,500 long tons was received during that month. This butter was for private importers, and therefore parts 2, 3, and 4 cannot be answered.

INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT—GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

**Mr. Winkler:**

1. In Canada, in (a) current dollars; (b) constant dollars, what was the investment in (i) plant and equipment; (ii) gross national product, for the years 1939 and 1950?

2. What was the percentage of (i) to (ii) in each case?

3. What was the percentage increase in plant and equipment in each case in 1950 over 1939?

4. What was the percentage increase in gross national product in 1950 over 1939?

5. Are there comparable figures in industrial production in 1950 over 1939 for the other countries of the North Atlantic pact?

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1. Investment in Plant and Equipment and Gross National Product, Canada, 1939 and 1950

(a) Current dollars

	Millions of dollars	
	1939	1950
(i) Plant and equipment	409	2,375
(ii) Gross national product	5,598	17,693