

## Questions

MERCHANT MARINE—SUBSIDIES—EMPLOYMENT  
OF NOVA SCOTIA CREW**Mr. Smith (Queens-Shelburne):**

1. What are the qualifications for the granting of a subsidy for Canadian merchant marine vessels whose owners desire to continue to operate under the Canadian flag?

2. In view of the employment situation in Nova Scotia, will every consideration be given to Nova Scotia ships operating in the foreign trade with Nova Scotia crew members?

**Mr. Chevrier:**

1. The financial relief which it is proposed to grant the shipping industry is temporary and for one year only.

To qualify, ship owners must agree (a) to operate vessels for a period of one year; (b) to employ Canadian domiciled crews.

It is anticipated that some forty vessels will be assisted, and these will be selected on the basis of their usefulness to Canada in the event of an emergency. The employment of Canadian domiciled crews will ensure the maintenance in Canada of a nucleus of trained merchant seamen to man these and other ships which Canada may have at her disposal should a state of emergency arise.

2. Yes, every consideration. It must be borne in mind that the employment of seamen from any particular area will to a large extent depend upon the owners' and operators' desire to avail themselves of the assistance afforded by the government.

## \*INCREASES IN BASIC STEEL PRICES

**Mr. MacInnis:**

What increases were allowed in the price of basic steel from the establishment of price controls to date?

**Mr. McIlraith:** It is not possible to answer this question as asked. I understand the hon. member has been given the information he was really seeking, and is agreeable to dropping the question.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Question dropped.

EMIGRATION FROM NEWFOUNDLAND TO  
UNITED STATES**Mr. Higgins:**

How many Newfoundland residents have entered the United States to take up permanent residence since April 1, 1949?

**Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce):** Information is not available, as statistics are not maintained of emigration from Canada.

## CORN—IMPORTS FROM UNITED STATES

**Mr. Coldwell:**

1. How many bushels of American corn have been imported by Canada since January 1, 1949?

2. Has any of this corn been stored in elevator space allotted for the purpose by the Canadian wheat board?

3. Who owns this corn?

4. At what prices was this corn bought from the United States?

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1. Imports of corn from the United States entered for consumption into Canada, calendar year, 1949, 8,436,319 bushels.

2. Yes. Imports of American corn for consumption in Canada are unrestricted. However, the Canadian wheat board maintains a liaison with the terminals to ensure that American grain, including corn received into Canadian terminals for storage and furtherance for export, does not unduly interfere with the movement of Canadian grain. The use of Canadian facilities for the handling of American grain including corn is encouraged, provided that the movement of Canadian grain is not prejudiced.

3. Owned by private companies and individuals.

4. Not known, but the total declared value of the imports listed in answer No. 1 is \$12,282,307.

## YUKON COAL PRODUCTION—FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

**Mr. Green:**

1. What amount was provided by the government, and by what department of government, for the development of coal in Yukon during the past five years?

2. To what corporation or person was such amount paid?

3. On what terms was such amount provided?

4. What amount of said advance has been returned to the government?

5. What tonnage of coal has been produced from the operation so assisted?

6. What tonnage of coal is still available to be mined at said mine?

**Mr. McCann:**

1. (a) \$294,124.60; (b) Department of Mines and Resources (Department of Mines and Technical Surveys in 1950).

2. Yukon Coal Company Limited.

3. Under terms of an agreement dated July 10, 1947, between His Majesty and Yukon Coal Company Limited, which provides for loan advances up to a maximum of \$300,000 repayable with interest at 3½ per cent per annum at the rate of \$2 per ton on all coal sold. Loan funds to be used for development and operation of the Tantalus Butte coal mine, near Carmacks, Yukon.

4. \$15,788.24.

5. 4,303 tons sold.

6. Recoverable reserves of coal have been estimated by government geologists at approximately 7,500,000 tons. Developed tonnage not estimated.