

Mr. St. Laurent moved,—That on Monday, the 25th, April instant, government notices of motions and government orders shall have precedence over all other business except questions and notices of motions for the production of papers.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Coté (Verdun), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1948 (French edition).

Mr. Belzile, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, laid before the House,—Return of amounts authorized as at December 31, 1948, by the Governor in Council of Foreign Currencies, other than United States Currency, to be purchased or acquired with moneys in the Exchange Fund Account. Foreign Exchange Control Act, 1946, Chapter 53, Section 5(4).

And also,—Return of amount of advances to the Exchange Fund Account out of unappropriated moneys in the Consolidated Revenue Fund outstanding at December 31, 1948. Foreign Exchange Control Act, 1946, Chapter 53, Section 7(2).

He also presented,—Return to an Order of the House of March 14, 1949, for a Return showing:—1. As at September 1, 1939, what was the total value of Canadian Pacific securities of all kinds held in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and other countries?

2. What is the total value of Canadian Pacific securities of all kinds held in the above noted countries as at the present time?

3. Have any Canadian Pacific securities held in the United Kingdom been acquired by the Government of the United Kingdom? If so, what is the value of such securities so acquired?

4. What is the total value of Canadian Pacific securities returned to Canada from the United Kingdom since September 1, 1939, and what disposition has been made of any such securities returned to Canada?

5. Did the Canadian Government acquire any Canadian Pacific securities following World War I? If so, to what extent were such securities acquired, and to what extent are such securities still in the possession of the Canadian Government?

6. Does the Canadian Government hold any Canadian Pacific securities other than those acquired following World War I?

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North), seconded by Mr. Zaplitny, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 233, An Act to Declare the Meat Packing Industry Works for the General Advantage of Canada, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.