8. What is the amount paid out on P.F.A.A. account during each of the months January to June inclusive, for the years 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948?

9. What is the amount paid out on P.F.A.A. account during each of the months July to December inclusive, during the years 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949?

10. What is the amount of payments made by the Department of Agriculture directly to Canadian citizens during each of the six months January to June inclusive, 1949, for reasons other than further payments on wheat, on wheat crop, P.F.R.A. account and P.F.A.A. account?

#### CIVIL SERVICE—APPOINTMENTS

## Mr. Diefenbaker:

- 1. How many appointments to the civil service (a) permanent; (b) temporary, were made by the civil service commission month by month, from the first of January, 1949, to the first of February, 1950, both inclusive?
- 2. How many appointments were made to the civil service (a) other than by the civil service commission; or (b) after certificate granted by the said commission?

# PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE—REFUSAL OF PAYMENTS

#### Mr. Diefenbaker:

- 1. How many (a) individual; (b) township applications for payment of P.F.A.A. were refused or denied in each of the prairie provinces between the first day of July, 1949, and the first day of February, 1950?
- 2. (a) In how many cases in each province was the refusal or denial of payment under the P.F.A.A. submitted to the board of review? (b) What is the total number of cases in each province in which the said board reversed the decision appealed from?

### CANADIAN PACIFIC SECURITIES

#### Mr. Knowles:

- 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?

7. What total amount of money has the Canadian government received to the present time by way of a return on its holdings of Canadian Pacific securities, and what use has been made of this money?

8. Are any officials of the Canadian National Railways, or any directors of the Bank of Montreal, or

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any cabinet ministers, directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway, or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries? If so, who are such persons?

9. What is the total amount of money in the form of (a) cash grants; (b) subsidies; (c) loans, received by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company from the federal government from the time the company was first proposed until the present date?

10. What is the total number of square miles of land received by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company from the federal government, in each province, from the time the company was first proposed until the present date?

### RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED TRANSPORTATION LINES

# Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport) moved:

That a sessional committee on railways and shipping owned, operated and controlled by the government, be appointed to consider the accounts and estimates and bills relating thereto of the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, and Trans-Canada Air Lines, saving always the powers of the committee of supply in relation to the voting of public moneys; and that the said committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to report from time to time, and that notwithstanding standing order 65, in relation to the limitation of the number of members, the said committee consist of Messrs. Adamson, Beaudry, Bourget, Carter, Cavers, Chevrier, Cleaver, Follwell, Fraser, George, Gillis, Hatfield, Healy, Helme, James, Knight, Macdonald (Edmonton East), McCulloch, McLure, Mott, Mutch, Picard, Pouliot, Thomas, Tustin.

He said: This, Mr. Speaker, is the usual motion which is made every year prior to the establishment of the railways and shipping committee to which are referred the annual report of the Canadian National Railways, the report of Trans-Canada Air Lines and certain other items of the estimates which are withdrawn from the committee of supply. It is in the same form as it was last year.

Mr. Graydon: Did the Minister of Public Works tell us about this yesterday?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): I did not announce this, Mr. Speaker; but generally the setting up of this sessional committee is a matter of form.

Mr. Chevrier: My understanding is that it has never been the practice to announce a motion such as this the evening before; certainly it has not been done in the five years I have been in the Department of Transport.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): That is why I did not announce it.

 ${\bf Mr.}~{\bf Graydon:}~{\bf I}$  was just asking an innocent question.

Motion agreed to.