

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 5, 1955

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. SPEAKER ON ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTHDAY

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted on behalf of all members of this house, and I am sure a great many outside of this house, to extend to Your Honour our congratulations and our very good wishes on the occasion of your birthday anniversary.

Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, while I know the applause requires no comment from this side to make it perfectly clear that it is unanimous, may I simply as a formality join with the Prime Minister in what is not a formality, and that is in the very warmest of good wishes to you on your birthday anniversary, and affectionate good wishes from all of us to your wife on this occasion.

Mr. Speaker: I hope I may be forgiven for condoning what is out of order. I do wish to thank the right hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Leader of the Opposition and all hon. members for their kind wishes on this occasion. My day started with a bang, that is an atomic blast in the Nevada desert, which is a reminder of the precariousness of this life and the fact that one must always strive to do his best. My wife and I feel grateful to all of you for your kindness at all times.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. G. E. Nixon (Algoma West): I should like to present the second report of the standing committee on industrial relations. In this instance there will be no motion for concurrence.

QUESTIONS

VEGETABLE OILS—TARIFF COLLECTED

Mr. Yuill:

What is the amount of tariff collected, in 1954, on imported vegetable oils used in the making of margarine?

Mr. Dickey:

Vegetable oils used in the making of margarine are not recorded separately in

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import trade statistics. Customs duty collected, in 1954, on imports of vegetable oils for all purposes were as follows:

Duty collected

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| Cocoanut oil, edible | \$ 19,837 |
| Cottonseed oil, edible | 92,203 |
| Olive oil, edible | 43,711 |
| Peanut oil, edible | 11,825 |
| Soya bean oil, edible | 99,532 |
| Castor oil | 2,765 |
| Cocoanut oil, not edible | 2,947 |
| Cottonseed oil, not edible | 681,016 |
| Palm oil and palm kernel oil | 185,084 |
| Peanut oil, not edible | 18,381 |
| Sesame seed oil | 1,951 |
| Sunflower seed oil | 9,445 |
| Other vegetable oils | 495,488 |

T.C.A. ANNUAL PASSES—MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Zaplitny:

1. Have any cabinet ministers and/or members of parliament received passes, on an annual basis, from Trans-Canada Air Lines in 1955?
2. If so, what are the names of such ministers and/or members?

Mr. Dickey:

1. Yes.
2. Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Alcide Cote, Postmaster General, Hon. George Marler, Minister of Transport.

GRAIN SHIPPING ORDERS

Mr. Castleden:

1. What is the basis for the allocation of grain shipping orders to the various elevator companies, as now used by the Canadian wheat board?
2. When was the present system of order allocation put into operation?
3. How were the percentages for shipping orders as between elevator companies arrived at?

Mr. Dickey:

1. It is not the policy of the Canadian wheat board to disclose details of its current operations nor the competitive position of various elevator companies in their capacity as agents of the board.
2. See answer to No. 1.
3. See answer to No. 1.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE—COMET AIRCRAFT

Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Does the Royal Canadian Air Force own two Comet jet liners?
2. What was the cost of these aircraft?