

## Questions

PORK PRODUCTS FROM UNITED STATES—DRAWBACK  
CLAIMS BY PACKERS

Mr. HATFIELD:

1. Have the meat packers filed claim for drawback on difference in price importation of pork products from United States and amount received by them under export agreement with Great Britain for the year 1940?

2. If so, what were the sums paid and to whom?

Mr. GIBSON:

1. No drawback claims have been filed on the basis of difference in price importation of pork products from United States and amount received by meat packers under export agreement with Great Britain for the year 1940.

2. Answered by No. 1.

GEORGE W. TINGLEY

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

1. Is George W. Tingley of Halifax employed in the Department of Munitions and Supply?

2. If so, in what capacity?

3. What are his qualifications for this position and who recommended him?

4. What salary and expenses or other allowance does he receive?

Mr. HOWE:

1 and 2. Yes, for a probationary period of six months, as stores coordinator in the overhaul and repair division of the aircraft production branch.

3. (a) His qualifications for the position are: Graduate dentist—practised from 1906 to 1917; Canadian army—1917 to 1920; Cadillac franchise—1920 to 1924; Franklin franchise—1924 to 1930; General Motors' dealer—Manager of his own business; 1937—Appointed to dealer council of General Motors—This council to suggest procedures to be followed by General Motors' dealers in the United States and Canada. Member of advisory committee of federation of Canadian auto dealers; 1941—Director of Halifax aero club.

(b) Mr. H. J. Carmichael, director general gun production branch, Department of Munitions and Supply; Mr. Ralph P. Bell, director general aircraft production branch, Department of Munitions and Supply.

4. Salary at rate of \$5,000 per annum plus the usual travelling expenses while on departmental business.

LABOUR CONDITIONS—FLORENCE, N.S., COLLIERY  
DISPUTE

Mr. MacLEAN (Cape Breton North-Victoria):

1. Has the Department of Labour taken any action to settle the dispute at the Florence colliery, Florence, Nova Scotia?

2. If so, has any decision been arrived at as to the cause of the trouble and where the blame should be placed?

[Mr. Howe.]

Mr. MITCHELL:

1. Yes. On May 7, the dispute as discussed in the Department of Labour with the international board member of the United Mine Workers of America and a resumption of work was expected on the following day. On May 8, another strike occurred at Sydney Mines nearby and the situation was discussed in the Department of Labour with the minister of mines and labour of Nova Scotia. A telegram was sent to the district president of the union that work should be resumed and the disputes referred to the miners' joint adjustment board for authoritative decision. A reply was received that the district president was confident that operations would be resumed on Monday, May 11, in order to permit adjustment board to consider disputes. This was done.

2. Reports received in the department indicated that the strike was against the suspension of nine miners who had quit work one day before closing time. The question as to blame is involved in the reference to the adjustment board. No report as to the decision has been received.

W. R. FISKE

Mr. MacLEAN (Cape Breton North-Victoria):

1. Is Mr. W. R. Fiske, Saint John, New Brunswick, employed in any capacity by the government?

2. If so, what are his duties?

Mr. HOWE:

1. Yes.

2. Regional officer of timber control office at Saint John, N.B. assistant timber controller for the maritimes and deputy administrator for lumber, millwork and woodenware which come under the authority of the timber controller.

PROPOSALS FOR ENTRY OF NEWFOUNDLAND INTO  
CANADIAN CONFEDERATION

Mr. WINKLER:

1. Have overtures been made either to or by Newfoundland regarding entering the confederation?

2. What would Newfoundland's representation in the House of Commons and the Senate be based on the representation of, (a) Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, (b) Prince Edward Island, (c) Quebec, (d) Manitoba or Saskatchewan, after revision?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. No.

2. In view of the answer to No. 1, the second question does not arise.