

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 6, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

First report of the joint committee of both houses on the library of parliament.—Mr. Speaker.

QUESTIONS

ARMED FORCES RECRUITING PERSONNEL

Mr. McGregor:

1. During the fiscal year 1952-53, how many personnel in the (a) army; (b) navy; (c) air force, were used mainly in recruiting?
2. In each case, what were their ranks?

Mr. Blanchette:

1. The following service personnel in the field who were engaged mainly in recruiting in 1952-53: Navy, 38; Army, 91; Air force, 196.

Note: Army and R.C.A.F. recruit only for the active force; navy recruits for both active and reserve.

2. (a) Navy: Lieutenant commanders, 6; Lieutenants, 6; Chief petty officers, 1st class, 10; Chief petty officers, 2nd class, 6; Petty officers, 1st class, 5; Petty officers, 2nd class, 3; Leading seamen, 2.

(b) Army: Lieutenants, 25; Sergeants, 39; Corporals, 5; Privates, 22.

(c) Air Force: Squadron leaders, 5; Flight lieutenants, 23; Flying officers, 59; Sergeants, 31; Corporals, 4; Airmen, 53; Airwomen, 21.

TUNNEY'S PASTURE, OTTAWA

Mr. Hodgson:

1. How much of the property known as Tunney's pasture was purchased by the government?
2. From whom was the purchase made?
3. What was the purchase price?
4. What buildings are the government constructing there?
5. How much is the estimated cost of construction, etc.?

Mr. Bourget:

1. Approximately 113.5 acres.

2. W. L. Ballentine, J. Beaudin, Laurier Bellefeuille, Donat Bray, Burgess Tool Company, Charles Burnside, Leonard Copeland, Rodrique Dagenais, William Doe, Rodolphe Dumouchel, Margaret Ericksen, William H. Fader, Lewis R. Ferrier, Alex. Fleck Limited,

J. A. Lalonde, Edouard Lavigne, Harvey Leduc, Henri Leduc, Napoleon Martineau, Rupert S. McClelland, John M. McGuire, Mrs. Anne B. McManus, Mrs. Grace Olivier, Mrs. Sarah E. Poll, Edmond Quesnel, Albert Quesnel, Ernest St. Germaine, Tessier and Schryer, Victor J. Thom, township of Nepean, Gordon C. Webster, Robert S. Wright.

3. The site was expropriated under date of July 28, 1947. Settlements have been made in the amount of \$670,125.

4. The following buildings are under contract: (a) Food and drug laboratory for the Department of National Health and Welfare; (b) Virus laboratory for the Department of National Health and Welfare; (c) Archives storage building; (d) Testing laboratory for the Department of Public Works.

5. (a) \$2,566,450; (b) \$943,243; (c) \$1,180,956; (d) \$681,235.

FRENCH EDITION "CANADA 1953"

Mr. Girard:

1. Has the distribution of the French edition of "Canada 1953" been prohibited in France by the ministry of commerce?

2. If so, has the Canadian government made representations to France, protesting against the restricting of distribution of French publications printed in Canada?

3. Is there a cultural agreement whereby French publications from Canada may enjoy the same freedom of distribution as is granted by Canada to the publications coming from France?

Mr. Pinard:

1. To the best of our knowledge and as far as we can learn from inquiries in Ottawa, there has been no difficulty concerning the distribution of the French edition of "Canada 1953" in France. Further inquiries are being made through the Canadian embassy in Paris.

2. See answer to No. 1 above.

3. No. The movement of books and other literature is, as with other countries, handled commercially and customs, exchange control and other regulations are applicable to it where they exist. I understand that exchanges of books have in the past been subject to private agreements between publishers in Canada and France and that it is hoped that such agreements can be revived.