

Inquiries of the Ministry

4. Unfilled vacancies recorded by offices of the national employment service at the end of October, 1948 and 1949, were as follows:

Province	1948	1949
Newfoundland	—	31
Prince Edward Island.	231	151
Nova Scotia	912	1,064
New Brunswick	1,077	710
Quebec	13,230	7,488
Ontario	24,697	15,197
Manitoba	3,482	2,001
Saskatchewan	1,565	1,132
Alberta	2,723	1,963
British Columbia	2,383	1,656

**QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER
FOR RETURN**

WHEAT—STORAGE IN GOVERNMENT ELEVATORS

Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. What is the total amount paid by the wheat board for the storage of wheat between the 1st of April, 1947, and July 31, 1948, with particulars as to the companies to whom payment was made and the amounts paid to each?

2. How many government storage elevators were in existence during the said period of April 1, 1947, to July 31, 1948, and what is the location and capacity of each?

3. Were any of the said terminals or storage elevators leased or rented to private companies? If so, which?

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REFRIGERATOR CARS FOR SHIPMENT OF
P.E.I. POTATOES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. W. MacNaught (Prince): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, and at the same time say how glad we are that he is back in the house. I am receiving complaints all the time from Prince Edward Island about the shortage of refrigerator cars. Can the minister make a statement about this situation as it affects Prince Edward Island?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): The information I have on my desk this morning indicates that the position with regard to refrigerator cars on Prince Edward Island is excellent. As a matter of fact, at the moment there are 276 cars on the island ready for loading, which is more than there have been normally at this time of the year; and there are 152 cars in transit.

NATIONAL REVENUE

RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR OF INCOME
TAX, MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Lake Centre): I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue if Arthur W. Gilmour, director of

income tax in Montreal has resigned, and if so, for what reason?

Hon. J. J. McCann (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Gilmour has resigned his position in Montreal, giving as his reason the fact that for family and personal reasons he did not care to accept a transfer to head office in Ottawa.

THANKSGIVING DAY

OBSERVANCE TODAY IN THE UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. L. Church (Broadview): I would direct to the attention of the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) that today is United States Thanksgiving day. We in this country have reason to be thankful for having such friendly neighbours.

UNEMPLOYMENT

BRITISH COLUMBIA—REPRESENTATIONS FROM
LEGION AND LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Angus MacInnis (Vancouver East): I asked a question yesterday which was taken as notice by the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Labour. May I now have a reply?

Mr. Paul E. Cote (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour): This matter is being looked into. I may say, however, that certain communications have been received by the minister. But as these communications were addressed to the minister personally, I suggest it would be advisable to wait until his return later today, and let him check the matter himself, to ensure a more complete and satisfactory answer to my hon. friend's question.

IMMIGRATION

COUNT JACQUES DE BERNONVILLE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North): Can the Minister of Mines and Resources tell me when the papers concerning Count de Bernonville will be produced?

Hon. Colin Gibson (Minister of Mines and Resources): I shall be glad to make inquiry and find out whether they are available.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

BRIEF TO ROYAL COMMISSION ON ARTS, LETTERS
AND SCIENCES—QUESTION AS TO
GOVERNMENT POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough West): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. It was