

documents exchanged since January 1, 1940, between the dominion government or any department thereof, and J. François Leduc, and associates, consulting engineers, 354 Ste. Catherine Street, East, Montreal, regarding the awarding of contracts by the government, for the inspection of materials at the various airports under construction by the Department of Transport.

The following Questions on the Order Paper were passed by the House as Orders for Returns, under subsection 4 of Standing Order 44, and Orders of the House were issued to the proper officers accordingly, viz:—

By Mr. Diefenbaker:—How many exit permits allowing male Canadians between the ages of 18 and 38 to leave for the United States have been granted, by provinces, between the months of September, 1943, and March, 1944, both inclusive?

By Mr. Knowles:—1. What was the total number of patient-days in each of the hospitals under the direction of the Department of Pensions and National Health for the year 1939?

2. What was the total number of patient-days in each of the hospitals under the direction of the Department of Pensions and National Health for the year 1943?

3. What was the total number of medical personnel employed in each of the above hospitals for the year 1939, (a) full time; (b) part time?

4. What was the total number of medical personnel employed in each of the above hospitals for the year 1943, (a) full time; (b) part time?

Mr. Mackenzie (Vancouver Centre), a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order forthwith.

By Mr. Bence:—1. (a) What additional pay for professional qualifications is awarded to legal officers in the R.C.A.F.; (b) what additional pay for professional qualifications is awarded to legal officers in the R.A.F.; (c) what additional pay for professional qualifications is awarded to medical officers in the R.C.A.F.; (d) what additional pay for professional qualifications is awarded to medical officers in the R.A.F.?

2. (a) How many officers employed as legal officers hold the rank of Wing Commander, or above, in the R.C.A.F.; (b) how many officers employed as medical officers hold the rank of Wing Commander, or above, in the R.C.A.F.?

3. (a) What is the maximum rank provided in the establishment of Command Headquarters for Assistant Judge Advocate-General, or highest rank of officers employed on legal duties; (b) what is the maximum rank provided in the establishment of Command Headquarters for Command Medical Officer, or highest rank of officers employed on medical duties; (c) what is the maximum rank provided in the establishment of Command Headquarters for Command Accounts officer, or highest rank of officers employed on account duties; (d) what is the reason for the difference in ranks of the answers to (a), (b), and (c), if any?

4. Is there a shortage, or a surplus, of legal officers in the R.C.A.F., or is the supply of such officers adequate?

5. Is there any difference in the rates of pay between that of an Army officer employed as a legal officer, and that of a R.C.A.F. officer of comparable rank, employed on comparable duties? If so, (a) what is such difference; (b) what is the reason for such difference?