

6. Yes.

7. Yes. In accordance with normal practice, the personal qualifications and experience of the staff on strength was reviewed but no one had the qualifications required by the position. An open competition was held in which any person possessing the required qualifications was free to enter.

8. No.

9. Not applicable.

TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

Mr. Holowach:

1. Do trade agreements exist between Canada and Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and communist China?

2. If so, what are the principal items of export to these countries?

3. What was the total value of exports to each of these countries, during the past year?

4. How many pounds of aluminum have been sent to these countries, during each of the years 1950, 1951, 1952 and to date in 1953?

5. What was the total value of these shipments of aluminum?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):

1. Trade agreements exist between Canada and Poland, Czechoslovakia and communist China. Canada has no trade agreements in force with Hungary or Bulgaria.

Canada and Poland exchange most favoured nation tariff treatment under a convention of commerce effective August 15, 1936, which also provides for schedules tariff concessions applicable to specified goods.

Canada and Czechoslovakia are contracting parties to the general agreement on tariffs and trade.

Canada entered into a *modus vivendi* with nationalist China in 1946 providing for the exchange of most favoured nation tariff treatment and this agreement is still in existence.

2. During the period January 1 to September 30, 1953, the following were the principal items of export to these countries:

Poland: lard, \$121,477; medicinal preparations, \$12,966; settlers' effects, \$6,240; donations and gifts, \$6,500.

Czechoslovakia: medicinal preparations, \$82,180; settlers' effects, \$2,370; donations and gifts, \$768.

Hungary: sweet clover seed, \$4,536; crested wheat grass seed, \$1,221; grass seed, n.o.p., \$4,500.

Bulgaria: donations and gifts, \$453.

Communist China: nil.

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3. The value of exports to these countries during the calendar year 1952 and the period January 1 to September 30, 1953, was as follows:—

	Year 1952	Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1953
Poland	\$ 69,351	\$147,423
Czechoslovakia ...	366,629	85,368
Hungary	81,305	48,255
Bulgaria	2,305	453
Communist China.	**	—

**Not separately recorded prior to January 1, 1953.

4 and 5. Aluminum shipments to these countries were as follows:

Calendar year 1950	Cwt.	Value
Poland	53,185	\$748,150
Czechoslovakia ...	28,896	503,849
Hungary	—	—
Bulgaria	—	—
China, including Taiwan	30,089	479,113

During the calendar years 1951 and 1952 and during the period January 1 to September 30, 1953, there were no shipments of aluminum to these countries.

FEDERAL BUILDING, EDMONTON—PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES

Mr. Holowach:

1. How many properties have been purchased by the Department of Public Works for the proposed construction of the federal building in Edmonton?

2. What is the total amount paid to date for these properties?

3. How many properties are still to be purchased and the estimated cost?

4. Have any of these been expropriated and come before the Exchequer Court for decision?

5. If so, what are the names and addresses of persons whose property has been expropriated?

Mr. Bourget:

1. Eleven properties have been expropriated and one acquired by exchange with the city of Edmonton.

2. \$219,719.07.

3. Four properties remain to be expropriated at an estimated cost of \$101,000.

4. (a) Answered by No. 1; (b) None of the four remaining expropriations has yet been referred to the Exchequer Court.

5. Grace G. Pettet, 9845-108th St., Edmonton; David Ross Stone and Jessie Wilson Stone, 9819-108th St., Edmonton; A. G. Campbell, 9845-108th St., Edmonton; Canadian Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, 9843-108th St., Edmonton; Jake Bourson, 9832-107th St., Edmonton; Iva Grace McMillan, 9828-107th St., Edmonton; Helen C. Day, 9822-107th St., Edmonton; Sigwart Sussel and