

319. Return showing:—

1. How much money has been expended by the government on, (a) construction; (b) additions; (c) repairs and improvements to quay wall and wharves at Pictou, Nova Scotia, in each fiscal year since outbreak of present war?

2. Were such expenditures carried out by contract or by day work, stating amount paid for each project and to each contractor, and whether proposed work was completed?

3. Were any expenditures made by day work, and if so, state amount, and who was company and person in charge, and amount paid for each contract?

4. Is it proposed to make further improvements, and have public or private tenders been called within the past six months? If so, who were asked to tender, what was the amount of each tender, and to whom were contracts let?

320. Return showing the total number of persons employed by each government department and all outside boards and control boards and government commissions in what is known as, (a) public relations officers; (b) press agents; (c) liaison officers; the return to show the total number of such persons in, (i) civil work; (ii) war work, so engaged.

321. Return showing:—

1. Did the government buy any buildings in Ottawa since January 1, 1943?

2. If so, what buildings?

3. What was the purchase price?

4. Did the government build any buildings in Ottawa since January 1, 1943?

5. If so, what buildings did they build?

6. How much did each cost?

322. Return showing:—

1. Did S. S. Wright, Nova Scotia Fire Marshal, submit a report to Ottawa covering the fire at Pier 21, Halifax?

2. If so, to what department was such report submitted?

3. What were the findings of the marshal as to (a) what took place after the fire was discovered; (b) what equipment was stored there; (c) where the fire originated?

323. Return showing the total amount of moneys paid Justice McTague by the dominion government during the calendar year 1943 under: (a) salary; (b) per diem allowances; (c) travelling or other expenses.

324. Return showing:—

1. Was the government or any department or agency thereof represented at the United States Farm Chemurgic Conference held recently at St. Louis, Mo.?

2. Has the process for the manufacture of syrup from wheat reported at said conference to have been developed at the United States Government's Northern Research Laboratory at Peoria, Ill., been investigated by any agency of the Canadian government with a view to promoting its use, if found feasible, in beet sugar plants or elsewhere in Canada?

325. Return showing:—

1. Since the 1st January, 1940, has the Gallup Poll received any payments from the Dominion government or any agencies, commissions, boards, controls, etc., subject to or under the control of the dominion government or organized under the authority of any dominion laws?

2. If so, when and for what?