

partment to close all post offices throughout Canada on Saturdays for the following reasons:

Generally speaking, it is our policy to permit smaller post offices and staff post offices without letter carrier delivery, a weekly half day closing in addition to being closed on Sundays. This is usually observed on the day best suited to the needs of the community, i.e., the day on which stores and other business places are closed.

In centres where letter carrier delivery service is provided the procedure followed in the observance of a weekly half day holiday may vary considerably. Delivery of mail of course, is provided on Saturdays. Postal stations in the major cities usually are closed on Saturday afternoon but there are some exceptions. The main post office generally provides service for a full six days per week but there are also some exceptions to this.

The responsibility for the hours of service rests with the district directors, the senior postal officials in the field, who arrange for service to be provided according to the needs of the community at large. This arrangement has proven to be most satisfactory, and we do not believe that any change should be made. Moreover, mails are received and despatched on Saturday and staffs must be on duty to process and deliver the mail. To do otherwise would cause delay in the delivery of mail matter.

In our opinion the time has not yet come when we can consider closing post offices on Saturday. To do so would mean that post offices would be closed on two consecutive days and this we believe would not constitute an adequate service to the public. Undoubtedly, it would result in considerable public protest.

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*COST OF DORION INQUIRY

Question No. 2,894—**Mr. Pigeon:**

What, to date, is the total cost (salaries, fees etc.) of the Dorion inquiry?

Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is \$54,687.10. This amount represents total expenditures up to March 9, 1965.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS UNDER CROP INSURANCE ACT

Question No. 2,900—**Mr. Enns:**

1. How many provincial governments have entered into agreements with the federal government under the newly amended Crop Insurance Act?

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2. Which provinces have already made contractual arrangements, and which have indicated their intention to participate in crop insurance for the 1965 crop?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): 1. Three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island are presently operating crop insurance programs under agreements with the federal government as provided for in the Crop Insurance Act. Manitoba and Saskatchewan have indicated that they will utilize the new reinsurance provisions of the act and necessary agreements to amend the presently existing agreements are under negotiation. Alberta has indicated it will operate a crop insurance program in 1965 and a covering agreement, including a provision for reinsurance, is under negotiation.

2. See answer to question 1.

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT LABORATORY, SHIPPEGAN, N.B.

Question No. 2,901—**Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton):**

1. Has the Department of Fisheries purchased a building in the town of Shippegan, New Brunswick, to be used as a laboratory?

2. If so, from whom was it purchased, at what cost, and is the building large enough to meet the requirements?

3. Has adjacent land been purchased to provide an extension for the above building?

4. If so, state cost of same and from whom purchased?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): 1. Authority has been given the Department of Public Works to purchase land and the building thereon for laboratory and office use by the Department of Fisheries.

2. (a) Herbert L. Haines; (b) \$18,000; (c) No.

3. Land referred to in No. 1 is adequate.

4. Answered by No. 3.

*DEPORTATION OF ANGELO MUSITANO

Question No. 2,902—**Mr. Bigg:**

1. When was Angelo Musitano, also known as Angelo D'Agostino, or Angelo DeAugustino of Hamilton taken into custody or detained for deportation?

2. How many days after he was taken into custody was he en route to Italy?

3. Was a special inquiry set up regarding deportation on the morning following his arrest or detention and was there any urgency for his deportation?

4. Were the ordinary procedures provided under the law followed and, if not, for what reasons?

5. When was the deportation order made, and when was it issued by the department?