

### Order Paper Questions

#### SOULANGES CANAL

#### Question No. 417—Mr. Herbert:

1. Was the Soulanges Canal sold to the province of Quebec and, if so (a) on what date (b) under what terms and conditions?
2. Has the government taken any position concerning the re-opening of the canal?
3. Was the government approached by the government of the province of Quebec, in the last year, with any proposal for the use of the canal or did any discussions take place during this period?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Transport Canada advises as follows:

1. Governor in council transferred to the province of Quebec, on February 11, 1965, by Order PC 1965-251, the administration and control of the Soulanges Canal and the reserve of land of the said canal, subject to the following condition:

Her Majesty in right of the province of Quebec will permit Her Majesty in right of Canada to store on the upper entrance wall of the Soulanges Canal, during the period extending from the close of navigation of Lake St. Francis each year until the opening of navigation on the said lake the following year, at such location or locations thereon as may be mutually agreed upon between the deputy minister of the Quebec department of roads and the Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, the navigation buoys and other aids to navigation on Lake St. Francis.

The governor in council also authorized by the said order the payment to the province of Quebec the sum of \$416,000.

2 and 3. Not to our knowledge.

#### WIDOWS

#### Question No. 436—Mr. Herbert:

Did the Minister of National Health and Welfare, in a speech he made in the House of Commons on October 22, 1979, express concern for a very vulnerable segment of our society, the newly bereaved, near aged widow and did he say, as printed at page 459 of *Hansard* "at the age of 60-plus it is clearly unreasonable to assume that they would be able to go out and fully sustain themselves on the labour market" and, if so, what is the estimated number of women aged 60 to 65 who were widowed before they attained the age of 60 and how many of these widow's husbands, at the time that they died, were (a) 65 or over and in receipt of the old age pension (b) aged 60 to 65?

**Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes. Statistics are available from the 1971 and 1976 censuses to establish the age distribution of widows. Statistics indicating the age at which women become widowed, or the age of their spouse at the time the spouse died, are not available.

#### GRAIN TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

#### Question No. 577—Mr. Nystrom:

1. What budget has been made available to the Grain Transportation Task Force and specifically, what amounts have been budgeted for (a) transportation

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and communications (b) professional services (c) printing and distribution of report(s) (d) material and supplies (e) salaries and per diem allowances?

2. Are all members of the committee also members of the Progressive Conservative Party?

#### Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):

1. With respect to the Grain Transportation Task Force, the amounts spent to November 14 are:

(a) transportation and communication	\$6,943.27
(b) professional services	1,552.57
(c) printing and distribution of reports (est.)	400.00
(d) material and supplies	266.00
(e) salaries and per diem allowances	nil

2. Yes.

#### RESEARCH IN DRUGS

#### Question No. 653—Mr. Herbert:

Is the government undertaking research or the publishing of the results of research in the private sector, that would identify drugs that are chemically equal but not therapeutically equivalent?

**Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** No.

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council has mentioned question No. 436 and immediately after question No. 477. I am sure he meant question No. 577.

**Mr. Kilgour:** That is right, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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#### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, notices of motions for the production of papers Nos. 5 and 11 are acceptable to the government.

#### TREASURY BOARD—SELECTED PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS

#### Motion No. 5—Mr. Herbert:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the Report on the Compliance Audit of Selected Personnel Administration Positions prepared by the Evaluation Program Group, October 1977, Treasury Board.

Motion agreed to.