

## Questions

in the pension/annuity based on the number of full years by which an officer's age at the time of his retirement is less than the retirement age applicable to his rank. The Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, article 10 (6) (a) (ii) refers.

## RETIREMENT OF ADMIRAL BROCK

Question No. 1,908—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Was Admiral Brock forced to retire?
2. Has the Minister of National Defence visited Maritime Command Headquarters in Halifax since Admiral Brock's retirement and, if so, when and for what purpose?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** 1. Rear Admiral Brock was released 20 June, 1965, under the provisions of QRCN Article 15.01 item 5(c).

2. Yes, September 20-22, 1966, for the purpose of visiting maritime command.

## \*PROPOSED NAME FOR UNIFIED FORCE

Question No. 1,909—**Mr. Forrestall:**

What title, if any, is recommended in the Hennesy and Anderson reports as the name of the proposed unified national defence force?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the reports referred to were the result of studies conducted at the instigation of the minister. The contents of such reports are considered to be privileged, and it is not departmental policy to make public such reports.

## RETIREMENT OF NAVAL WHITE ENSIGN

Question No. 1,910—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Has the white ensign in the Royal Canadian Navy been retired and, if so (a) on what date and under what regulation (b) why was this step taken?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Yes (a) On the 15 February, 1965, by order in council 1965-250, dated 11 February, 1965. (b) To conform with government policy that former service ensigns would be retired when the new national flag of Canada was proclaimed on the 15 February, 1965.

## FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,911—**Mr. Forrestall:**

In the proposed unified armed force, will officers and men now in the force be given an opportunity to decide freely (a) to enter into a new engagement or (b) retire voluntarily without pension or other penalty?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** As stated at page 8127, official report *House of Commons Debates*, September 7, [Mr. Hellyer.]

1966, unification cannot be accomplished until there is a further amendment to the National Defence Act. Terms and conditions of engagement in the unified force will be set out in the legislation to be introduced in parliament to establish a single force.

## USE OF NAVAL CAP TALLY

Question No. 1,912—**Mr. Forrestall:**

In the proposed unified armed force, will the use of the cap tally with a ships name on it, worn by sailors in the Royal Canadian Navy, be discontinued?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** As stated at page 21, in the minutes of proceedings of the proceedings of the standing committee on national defence, dated May 12, 1966, the subject of uniform is under active consideration.

## EMPLOYMENT ON GREAT SLAVE LAKE RAILWAY

Question No. 1,913—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. How many (a) Eskimos, and (b) Indians were employed during the construction of the Great Slave Lake railway to Pine Point?
2. How many (a) Eskimos, and (b) Indians are employed on the railway at the present time?
3. What is the total number of employees on the Great Slave Lake railway?
4. What is the policy of the railway with respect to the employment of (a) Eskimos, and (b) Indians?
5. Does the education branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources have a training program specifically designed to provide Eskimo and Indian students with the skills necessary for employment on the Great Slave Lake railway and, if so, what is the nature of the program?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** Insofar as the Minister of Transport is concerned: The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

1. A maximum of 30 Eskimos and approximately 75 Indians worked on the Great Slave Lake railway at any given time.
2. There are approximately 24 Eskimos and 15 Indians employed on the Great Slave Lake railway.
3. The total number of employees on the Great Slave Lake railway is between 350 and 360.
4. It is company policy to hire qualified people without discrimination as to race, national origin, colour, religion or age. Employment applications from Eskimos and Indians therefore are treated in the same manner as are applications from any other prospective employee.

In so far as the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is concerned: