

Questions

living in their own homes. In order to be shareable, the payments must be based on a test of need which takes into account the recipient's requirements for items such as food, shelter, clothing, household incidentals and personal care, as well as his financial resources.

3. (b) All provinces have entered into agreements under the Unemployment Assistance Act.

4. See answer 1.

S.S. "TRITONICA"

Question No. 1,118—Mr. Orlikow:

Has the government any information concerning the vessel *Tritonica*, recently involved in a collision on the St. Lawrence river and, if so (a) at the time of the collision, where was the vessel registered (b) was the vessel owned, directly or indirectly, by a Canadian steamship company (c) what was the nationality of the vessel's crew, and to what union, if any, did they belong (d) did the vessel operate between Havre St. Pierre and Sorel, Quebec, and (e) was the vessel ever picketed by the S.I.U.?

Mr. Pickersgill: Yes; (a) Hamilton, Bermuda; (b) no; (c) the crew was of mixed nationality, consisting of British subjects, Chinese and Burmese; it would appear that the seamen did not belong to a trade union organizing in Canada; (d) yes; (e) no.

PROCEDURE RESPECTING GRANTING OF PARDONS

Question No. 1,121—Mr. Orlikow:

Has consideration been given to the Fauteux report's recommendations with respect to (a) the establishment of a procedure for the granting of pardons, with or without condition, on a more liberal scale (b) ensuring more frequent resort to the Criminal Code provisions authorizing the governor general in council to grant pardon rather than to grant them under the royal prerogative of mercy (c) devising some means by which unjustified inequalities in the length of sentences of imprisonment, especially in the case of co-offenders, can be remedied, and (d) the granting of a free pardon, whether or not one is sought in all cases where the innocence of a convicted person is established?

Mr. Chevrier: (a) The recommendation has been under consideration for some time.

(b) Under consideration together with (a).

(c) No.

(d) There is no information that such a situation has ever arisen.

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER BY THERMAL UNITS

Question No. 1,122—Mr. Fleming (Okanagan-Revelstoke):

1. What information does the government have regarding the development of high temperature thermal units for the production of electrical power; units using coal, oil or natural gas as fuel?

2. Has the government any information concerning the price per kilowatt hour of power produced by these latest units in the United States of America and the U.S.S.R.?

[Miss LaMarsh.]

Mr. Benidickson: 1. All thermal power units installed in electric utility plants in Canada since the last war are of the high pressure-high temperature type though many operate for peak power only. Summarized information, including statistical data, may be obtained from the current issue of the Canada Year Book. Detailed information on plants can be obtained from the provincial power commissions.

2. A large U.S. modern generating unit with favourable fuel costs on base load can produce electric power from 3 to 4 mills per kwh exclusive of fixed charges and administrative expenses.

Estimated, average total cost of electric power produced by a Soviet regional power station is 8 to 9 mills per kwh.

INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FROM INCREASED EXCISE TAX

Question No. 1,123—Mr. Fleming (Okanagan-Revelstoke):

1. Has the government assessed the probable increase in the present estimated construction costs of the Columbia river treaty projects as a consequence of the imposition of an 11 per cent excise tax on building materials and production machinery and, if so, what is the amount of this increase?

2. Has the government estimated the cumulative increase on loans for construction which may be amortized over 20, 30 or 40 years at an interest rate of 4 per cent and, if so, what is the cumulative increase for each period?

Answer: 1. No.

2. No.

R.C.M.P. PICTURES USED IN U.S. BEER ADVERTISING

Question No. 1,130—Mr. Howard:

Is the government aware that life sized (or larger) bill board style pictures of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are being used in the state of Michigan to advertise Drewry's beers and ales, and if so, has any representation been made to the appropriate U.S. authorities about the propriety of such an advertising association?

Mr. Chevrier: The government has been aware for a number of years that Drewry's Limited U.S.A., have been using life sized pictorial representations of a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for advertising purposes.

On May 10, 1948, a similar question was asked in the House of Commons and the minister of justice, in reply, stated that no permission was given to advertisements of this nature. The commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has, on several occasions, brought to the attention of Drewry's Limited U.S.A., the fact that this form of advertising would not be permitted in Canada as it is contrary to the provisions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.