

6. Were any reports made by any other person (or persons) studied by the department prior to the retention of Northumberland Consultants Limited?

Mr. McCleave:

1. The feasibility of constructing a Prince Edward Island-New Brunswick causeway had been established before the consultants were retained. This was announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on April 17, 1962. On June 6, 1962, the Hon. J. Angus MacLean and the Hon. David J. Walker announced jointly that the firms of Langevin, Letendre and Monti, Canadian-British engineering consultants, and H. G. Acres and Company Limited had been named to assist the Department of Public Works in the planning and construction of the most economical type of crossing.

2. The three firms have formed their affiliate group informally and are seeking a charter so that they can operate as Northumberland Consultants Limited.

3. Approximately November 15, 1962.

4. No.

5. No. Scheduling of the studies will be established by the Department of Public Works.

6. Yes. Reports made by the following were studied by the Department of Public Works.

(a) C-B joint venture.

(b) Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

(c) National research council.

***AUTOMOBILE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS**

Question No. 268—Mr. Martin (Essex East):

1. In view of the reply given on October 15 by the Minister of Finance regarding the manufacture of automatic transmissions, will the Minister of Finance indicate what policies the government is prepared to embark on so as to establish Canadian manufacture of automatic transmissions before the expiry date of October 31 for the free entry into Canada of American manufactured automatic transmissions?

2. If the government is not considering the manufacturing of automatic transmissions in Canada by way of a crown corporation, will the government take steps to bring this about, or is it definite government policy to leave such an operation to other auspices for manufacturing?

Mr. Graftey: I ask that this question stand pending a future announcement of government policy.

Mr. Speaker: Answered.

WATER LEVEL CONTROL, LAKE TIBLEMONT, QUE.

Question No. 270—Mr. Laprise:

Have plans been made to control the water level of lake Tiblemont so as to assist navigation on the said lake, and on the Bell river and, if so, will such works be undertaken in the near future?

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Answer by: Mr. McCleave:

The department has drawn up no plans for the regulation of water levels along the Bell river system, including lake Tiblemont.

SENNETERRE, QUE.—LAUNCHING RAMP AND WHARVES

Question No. 271—Mr. Laprise:

1. Has the Department of Public Works been requested to build a launching ramp and wharves at Senneterre and, if so, on what date?

2. Have such requests been approved?

3. When are such works to be undertaken?

Answer by: Mr. McCleave:

1. The construction of a launching ramp and the installation of lights on the Senneterre wharf were requested on July 20, 1961.

2. Yes.

3. Lights were installed in 1962 and the construction of the ramp will depend on the provision of funds in the estimates of 1963-64.

PERSONAL SAVINGS—BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Question No. 272—Mr. Bernier:

1. What is the total amount deposited in the personal savings accounts of the chartered banks?

2. What is the amount of the Bank of Canada notes, and other notes in circulation?

Answer by: Mr. Graftey:

(Translation):

1 and 2. This information is available in the Bank of Canada Statistical Summary for August 1962, page 475.

(Text):

***NOTICE OF SENATE APPOINTMENTS**

Question No. 274—Mr. Pickersgill:

1. On what date were orders in council approved by His Excellency the Governor General appointing J. Campbell Haig, Q.C., of Winnipeg, and Harry Albert Willis, Q.C., of the county of Peel, to the Senate?

2. On what date were the said appointments published?

3. What public interest was served by the delay in the publication of these appointments to the parliament of Canada by the representative of the Queen?

Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. June 15, 1962.

2. In the *Canada Gazette*, part I, of July 14, 1962.

3. The appointment of Senator Haig was confirmed on June 26, 1962 and announcement of the appointment of Senator Willis was made on June 28. Formal publication in the *Gazette* is merely legal confirmation.

ADMIRAL'S BEACH, NFLD., BREAKWATER

Question No. 277—Mr. Cashin:

Has any action been taken by the Department of Public Works to establish a breakwater at Admiral's Beach, St. Marys bay, and, if so, what are the details in respect of such action?