

smallpox within the three years immediately preceding arrival in Canada or vaccination within the 14 days immediately following his arrival in Canada. (b) Enforcement of this requirement is by the Department of National Health and Welfare under the Quarantine Act R.S., cc. 33 (1st Supp.) and the Quarantine Regulations established under P.C. 1971-2818.

INVESTIGATION INTO BOAT FIRE AT CHAFFEY'S LOCKS—
RIDEAU CANAL

Question No. 2,439—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Dominion Fire Commissioner's office conduct an investigation into a boat fire occurring on July 14, 1974 at the approaches to Chaffey's Locks on the Rideau Canal (a) was the subsequent report classified "restricted and privileged" and, if so, for what reason (b) was the report submitted by the Dominion Fire Commissioner, R. A. Switzer, to D. H. A. Farmer of Parks Canada by letter dated October 2, 1974 (c) was the report made public and, if not, for what reason (d) will it be made public and, if so, on what date?

2. Did the report among other things conclude: Had this explosion and fire occurred during locking operations especially at low level, it is my firm opinion that the occupants of this vessel would have lost their lives?

3. Did the report make four specific recommendations in regard to all canal locks under Parks Canada jurisdiction and (a) if so, what were they (b) in each case, has the recommendation been carried out and, if not, for what reason (c) when will each such recommendation be implemented?

4. Did the report include with reference to all canals under Parks Canada this statement: "a general review of a fire during a locking procedure indicates that a major loss of life can be expected" (a) what steps has the government taken to limit the chances of such an incident (b) if no steps have been taken (i) for what reasons (ii) on what date will something be done?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Public Works and Indian Affairs and Northern Development as follows: 1. Yes. (a) Yes, this is the standard procedure for all investigations carried out by the office of the Dominion Fire Commissioner. (b) Yes. (c) No. As the report is classified "Restricted and Privileged" the decision to release all or any of the contents rests with the agency responsible for the administration of the facilities under investigation. (d) See answer to 1 "C".

2. Yes.

3. Yes. (a) (i) Provide a fixed water spray system at each lock; (ii) Provide means to escape from locks such as nylon rope ladders with oversize rungs; (iii) It was reported that at one lock the lockmaster uses a loud-hailer to give fire safety precautions in addition to the posted warning signs. Consideration should be given for this practice to be implemented at all locks. (iv) If a lock is located within an area where fire department services are immediately available, a municipal fire alarm box or at least a telephone should be provided so that the fire department can be summoned. (b) Safety precautions in the locks had already been implemented by Parks Canada prior to receipt of the report from the Dominion Fire Commissioner. A fixed water spray system has been under development by Parks Canada and will be installed on the new lock at Smiths Falls this summer for evaluation. If the system works satisfactorily we propose to install such a system at locks over 10 feet deep. However, first priority is to equip those locks over 20 feet deep. Many of the

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deeper locks have been equipped with scramble ladders or portable ladders for several years. This year all locks not equipped with permanent ladders will have portable ones. Loud-hailer equipment has also been available at all lockstations for several years. Staff have been instructed to use such equipment for marshalling craft and for obtaining compliance with fire precautions before commencing lockage operations. Telephones are located at each lockstation and emergency numbers including that of the nearest fire department have been displayed for a number of years. In addition to the above, regular and systematic inspections of all lock facilities are carried out at the beginning of each season to ensure that required safety signs are in place and in good condition: all lockstations are equipped with fire extinguishers that can be lowered to a boat in a lock and operating staff are drilled in the proper use of the fire fighting equipment at their stations. (c) See reply to (b) above.

4. Yes. (a) Fire hazard signs have been or will be placed in locks. All locks have two fire extinguishers on the lock walls. Canal staff are instructed in use of fire equipment. Permanent or temporary ladders will be provided at locks. Staff have been instructed in the event of a fire or explosion in a lock to fill the lock in order that persons on boats may escape. All lockstations are equipped with telephone to summon emergency aid. Lock operators are to ensure compliance with fire and smoking restrictions before commencing a lockage operation. The 1975 notice of hours of operation of the canals contains a notice requesting boaters not to smoke, use open flame appliances or idle engine during lock operation. The same notice was contained in the booklet Navigation Canals published in 1973. (b) Not applicable.

MR. ROOSEVELT DOUGLAS

Question No. 2,521—**Mr. Rodriguez:** (Corrected)

1. What were the criminal charges against Mr. Roosevelt Douglas, a landed immigrant from Dominica?

2. Was he convicted and, if so (a) on what date (b) what were the charges (c) what was the sentence?

3. What is his present status in Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Solicitor General and the Department of Manpower and Immigration: 1 and 2. Mr. Roosevelt Douglas was convicted under section 372 (renumbered section 387) of the Criminal Code, for which he was sentenced on April 30, 1971, to an aggregate sentence of 913 days. He was released on bail on May 14, 1971, and resumed his servitude on June 21, 1973. Mr. Douglas is a landed immigrant, on parole until the date of expiration of his committal warrant, i.e., December 13, 1975. A deportation order was issued against Mr. Douglas and the Immigration Appeal Board has upheld that order.

3. The status of Mr. Roosevelt Douglas in Canada is that he is a person under an order of deportation who is to be removed from Canada as soon as practicable in accordance with the direction of the Immigration Appeal Board. Because he is on parole from prison he remains within the jurisdiction of the Solicitor General and cannot be removed from Canada until his parole expires in December 1975.