Questions

UNION WITH WEST INDIES

Question No. 1,172-Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Has the government of Canada received enquiries from any country of the West Indies requesting union with Canada?

2. If so, which countries have made overtures and what reply has the government of Canada given?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

ROADS TO RESOURCES, ONTARIO

Question No. 1,178-Mr. Reid:

- 1. What is the amount paid to date to the province of Ontario under the "roads to resources" program?
- 2. What roads were undertaken in Ontario under the program?
- 3. What are the terminals of each road?
- 4. What was the approved total mileage of each road?
- 5. What is the mileage completed to date of each road?
- 6. What is the total cost of the mileage completed to date on each road?
- 7. What is the estimated cost of full completion of each road?
- 8. What is the estimated date of full completion of each road?
- 9. What payments were made each year to the province of Ontario since commencement of the program?
- Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): See following table.

5. (a) Through a federal-provincial arrangement, the provinces of Ontario and Quebec pay an indemnity to owners for animals that died as a result of rabies and the federal government re-imburses the provinces 40 per cent of the amount paid by the provinces.

(b) Since rabies is a reportable disease under the animal contagious diseases regulations, all investigations, diagnosis, control and evaluation of animals which died is handled by the Canada Department of Agriculture. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec pay an indemnity on receipt of a certificate of death issued by the department. As indicated, the federal government reimburses the provinces 40 per cent of the amount paid by the provinces.

6. Specific amounts are not detailed in Department of Agriculture estimates for rabies research and eradication. However, during the past years, 1960-66, it is estimated that \$75,000 annually has been expended upon laboratory work into the problem of rabies control. In addition, considerable sums have been spent in the field for rabies control, including \$117,388 for the purpose of rabies vaccine since 1960 for the free vaccination of 81,057 dogs and cats during the same period. This does not include the cost of field investigation and control services by veterinarians of the department.