

Order Paper Questions

5. If the tender was not going to be accepted, for what reason was Simcoe Mechanical Contracting Ltd. not advised before proceeding to tender for the contract?

6. Has Simcoe Mechanical Contracting Ltd., been given a complete and factual explanation from the Department of Public Works as to the reason its tender was not accepted?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): 1. (11).

2. (a) No. (b) The contract was awarded to the second low bidder on the basis of his capacity to perform a complex operation within a tight time schedule.

3. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.

4. No.

5. This was a public tender call. The Department of Public Works does not prequalify bidders on public tender calls.

6. Yes.

CMHC—SURVEY OF PLACE DE LA PROMENADE, QUEBEC REGION

Question No. 650—Mr. Godin:

Did Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation make any surveys as a result of complaints from purchasers in the residential project known as *Place de la promenade* in the region of Quebec and, if not (a) for what reason (b) on what date will surveyors be on site?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): This residential project was reinspected on January 22 in response to complaints. The manager of the Quebec city branch of CMHC met with the builder on January 30 to discuss a program of remedial action.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Question No. 670—Mr. Horner (Crowfoot):

By province, what was the amount of money collected in Unemployment Insurance Premiums in the years 1970, 1971 and 1972?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The moneys collected for unemployment insurance premiums are not segregated on a provincial basis. This is due to the fact that many national firms do not necessarily remit premiums from the location in which the employment occurs, but through a central pay office. For this reason any such figures would only represent moneys remitted provincially by employers and would not indicate premiums paid provincially by insured persons.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—FIRST DAY COVERS

Question No. 681—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Has the Post Office Department initiated a policy of issuing first day covers and, if so, for what reasons?

2. Is this program in direct competition with private enterprise already providing this service?

3. What is the charge for (a) Post Office first day cover service (b) private enterprise first day cover service?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): 1. The Post Office has provided special first day cover cancellation

[Mr. Rynard.]

service to collectors and private enterprise since 1949. Since April 1971, the Post Office has also made the official first day covers available to collectors and private enterprise. The practice of issuing official first day covers has been common among postal administrations for many years and was introduced in Canada in response to repeated requests from collectors around the world.

2. Not in the opinion of the Post Office.

3. (a) The charge for an Official Post Office first day cover is 20 cents, plus the face value of the stamps affixed; (b) The Post Office fee to affix a stamp and cancel a private cover for a collector or a dealer is 5 cents. If the collector or dealer affixes the stamp himself, or if the face value of the stamp exceeds 15 cents, the special cancellation is applied without charge.

DREDGING IN LADNER HARBOUR

Question No. 695—Mr. Reynolds:

Is it the intention of the government to begin dredging in Ladner Harbour and, if so (a) on what date (b) on what date will the rest of the harbour expansion be started?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Yes, (a) April 1973, (b) the proposed harbour expansion project is still in the discussion stage.

PUBLIC WORKS—LEASE FOR POST OFFICE BUILDING AT ANCIENNE-LORETTE

Question No. 706—Mr. Godin:

Has the Department of Public Works signed a lease for a building that would be made available to the Post Office at Ancienne-Lorette, in the constituency of Portneuf and, if so (a) were tenders called (b) how many tenders were received (c) what was the amount in each case (d) what was the name of the tenderers (e) on what date does the Department intend to move into the premises?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Yes; (a) Tenders were called; (b) 1; (c) \$21,000 per annum; (d) Tremblay and Beausejour under the name of Botran Inc.; (e) Feb. 23, 1973.

GOVERNMENT DOCK, BEWDLEY, ONTARIO

Question No. 727—Mr. Lawrence:

1. When was the government dock at Bewdley, Ontario, on Rice Lake, first built and what was the original cost thereof?

2. What expenditures, if any, were made by the government for maintaining, repairing, renovating or improving the said dock for each of the years 1952 to 1972 inclusive?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): 1. 1911; \$2,437.37.

2. 1952-1953, nil; 1953-1954, \$2,325 dredging; 1954-1963, nil; 1963-1964, \$12 minor repairs to approach; 1964-1965, nil; 1965-1966, \$10 minor repair to approach; 1966-1970, nil; 1970-1971, \$1,155 wharf repairs; 1971-1972, nil.

CFB VALCARTIER, SNOW REMOVAL

Question No. 766—Mr. Godin:

1. Is snow removal at CFB Valcartier paid on an hourly or on a contract basis?