

IRRIGATION—SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

What have been the expenditures month by month since the first day of July, 1949, to date, on the South Saskatchewan river irrigation and development plan?

**Mr. McCubbin:**

July .....	\$ 136,637.76
August .....	94,877.96
September .....	74,700.99
October .....	100,891.61
November .....	91,527.62
December .....	79,964.10
January .....	50,052.72
February .....	53,363.35
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	\$ 682,016.11
Expenditure prior to July, 1949	567,802.30
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Expenditure to date .....	\$1,249,818.41

FISHERIES—COASTAL PROTECTION SERVICE

**Mr. Smith (Queens-Shelburne):**

1. Have steps been taken towards setting up a joint committee representing the departments of fisheries, transport, and national defence, for the purpose of unifying and improving the coastal protection service?

2. If so, has such a committee been set up?

3. Has the committee been instructed to investigate improvements in the protective service for fishermen?

4. If so, will consideration be given to the provision of a radio-equipped and all-weather sea rescue and emergency towing service for small fishing craft?

5. When will the recommendations of this committee be made known, and when will action be taken to implement such recommendations?

**Mr. Chevrier:**

1. Yes.

2. An interdepartmental committee has been set up to review the present arrangements for search and rescue and to make recommendations for improved and more efficient service.

3. The search and rescue is intended to cover all seafarers operating off the Canadian coasts.

4. The terms of reference of this committee quoted in answer 2 above are sufficiently embracing to cover this consideration.

5. The recommendations of this committee will shortly be available when the action required to implement them will be considered.

FREIGHT TONNAGE THROUGH NORTH SYDNEY VIA PORT AUX BASQUES, NFLD.

**Mr. Higgins:**

What was the total tonnage of freight routed through North Sydney via Port aux Basques in 1949?

Questions

**Mr. Chevrier:** The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

Total tonnage (all traffic) handled at North Sydney in 1949 amounted to 64,129 tons. Considerable time and labour would be involved in order to ascertain tonnage handled between North Sydney and Port aux Basques as this would require the examination of waybills of every inward and outward shipment between the mainland and Newfoundland.

CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING—RENFREW HEIGHTS, VANCOUVER

**Mr. Green:**

1. What was the cost of building the houses constructed for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in what is known as Renfrew heights in the city of Vancouver?

2. What was the cost of servicing this development by installing services, sewers, water, paved roads and other services?

3. Do either of these costs include any allowance for overhead or operating cost of the corporation?

4. If so, what amount?

**Mr. Prudham:**

1. Building cost, \$3,512,578.35; unit cost, \$5,994.16.

2.

Sewer, water and gas .....	658,610.69
Street lighting ...	2,251.48
Sidewalks, curbs and gutters ....	144,894.41
Street paving.....	109,041.09
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Land and land improvements (including an amount of \$10,000 representing the unexpended portion of the contract to landscape the project) ..... 538,562.02

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1,453,359.69

3. Yes. Construction overhead cost is included in building cost.

4. \$64,460.

RESTRICTIONS ON CANADIANS WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN U.S.S.R.

**Mr. Adamson:**

1. How many Canadians are at the present time employed with diplomatic status in the U.S.S.R.?

2. What restrictions are placed on our diplomats in the U.S.S.R.?

3. How are their movements restricted?

**Mr. Pearson:**

1. Four.

2 and 3. The principal restriction on Canadian diplomats in the U.S.S.R. is an order of the Soviet foreign ministry of September 30, 1948, prohibiting foreign diplomats in Moscow from travelling to a very large number of