

Mail", a history of the postal services in Canada, was produced in 1967 by the National Film Board.

2. \$53,872.

3. Distribution in Canada: theatrically by Columbia Pictures of Canada Ltd.; non-theatrically by the National Film Board. Distribution Abroad: efforts are being made to distribute theatrically and on television; non-theatrical distribution is being conducted by Canadian Embassies and posts abroad.

4. The Post Office Department paid \$45,413. The National Film Board paid \$8,459.

PORTUGUESE USE OF MILITARY SUPPLIES  
OBTAINED FROM NATO COUNTRIES

Question No. 2,603—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. Is the Government of Canada aware of reports that military supplies obtained through NATO agreements are being used by the Portuguese in Mozambique and Angola?

2. If so, have steps been taken to confirm or deny these reports?

3. If the truth of these reports has been established, has the Government of Canada made representations to Portugal or the other NATO allies that are supplying the Portuguese with arms?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. The Canadian Government is not aware that military supplies obtained through NATO agreements are being used by the Portuguese authorities in Mozambique and Angola.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

EFFECT OF POSTAL RATE INCREASE ON  
"CANADIAN BOY"

Question No. 2,605—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Has the Post Office Department been advised that as a result of the recent increase in postal rates the magazine *Canadian Boy* has had to reduce the weight of its publication to two ounces in order to qualify for a postal rate somewhat higher than that prevailing heretofore?

2. Have protests or representations been received concerning the consequent reduction in the size of this magazine?

3. From what individuals or organizations were such protests or representations received?

4. What was the nature of the reply given to such representations?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: 1. No.

Questions

2. No.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.

AVERAGE INCREASE IN SALARY, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DEPUTIES

Question No. 2,609—**Mr. Robinson:**

What was the average increase in salaries given to department heads and deputies in the civil service in each of the years 1960-69 inclusive?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):** The average increase in salaries of deputy ministers in the federal public service in each of the years 1960-69 inclusive was as follows: 1960, Nil; 1961, 5 per cent; 1962, Nil; 1963, 13 per cent; 1964, Nil; 1965, 8 per cent; 1966, Nil; 1967, 6.5 per cent; 1968, Nil; 1969, Nil (as of 18 July, 1969).

BANKING—PREFERENCE TO SMALL  
BORROWERS

Question No. 2,610—**Mr. Robinson:**

Is the federal government considering a policy to regulate banking so that small borrowers receive preference over large borrowers when credit is limited?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** No. The federal government does not have statutory power to regulate banking so that small borrowers would receive preference over large borrowers. Moreover I consider any such legal regulation would be impractical. However, in his appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, the Governor of the Bank of Canada indicated that he has expressed the view to the executives of the banks that they should have special regard for borrowers in less prosperous areas of the country and for small businesses that do not have alternative sources of credit.

CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS TO PUBLISHERS

Question No. 2,614—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Is it the policy of the federal government to ensure that grants given by the Canada Council to publishers are used for the purpose of producing specific publications?

2. What are the terms of reference for awarding Canada Council grants for the production of periodicals?