

POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION,
ST. ODILON, QUE.

Question No. 186—**Mr. Rodrigue:**

1. Does the government intend to build a post office at St. Odilon, constituency of Beauce?
2. If so (a) what is the estimated cost of the work (b) has the Department of Public Works called tenders or will it do so in the near future (c) when will the work start, if applicable?

[Translation]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

2. (a) It is not customary to give the estimated cost before tenders are called. (b) Tenders will be called this fall. (c) If valid tenders are received, construction should start early in the new year.

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STATISTICS,
LOTBINIERE CONSTITUENCY

Questions

4. and 5. This information is not available because statistics on registrations for employment and placements are compiled for Canada manpower centre areas, not for electoral districts.

Figures on new registrations and on placements made are available for the three Canada manpower centres of Lévis, Trois-Rivières and Victoriaville which include, within their areas, the electoral district of Lotbinière. The population of the electoral district of Lotbinière is approximately twenty per cent of the total population of the three Canada manpower centre areas, based on 1966 census figures.

New registrations for employment were:

	Lévis	Trois-Rivières	Victoria-ville
1965	5,606	6,863	3,561
1966	6,935	7,455	3,785
1967	5,438	8,671	4,797
To Aug. 31 1968	4,194	5,307	2,485

Placements in employment were:

	Lévis	Trois-Rivières	Victoria-ville
1965	5,061	5,819	2,845
1966	3,910	4,847	2,496
1967	2,921	3,120	1,971
To Aug. 31 1968	2,397	1,483	1,071

It is important to note that these data are not comparable in meaning over the period as the manpower services being provided changed considerably. Emphasis shifted from the operation of a simple placement service to the provision of a range of manpower services which include referral to training courses (these totalled 4,986 for the three Canada manpower centre areas, from January 1, 1967 to September 30, 1968), manpower mobility grants, more extensive labour market and job vacancy information, and fuller employment counselling.

BORDEN-CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Question No. 202—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. When is it expected that the SS *Prince Edward Island* will be withdrawn from the Borden-Cape Tormentine ferry service?
2. What use will be made of this ship thereafter?
3. When will the ferry *John Hamilton Gray* come into regular service on the run?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: 1 and 2. The SS *Prince Edward Island* will be withdrawn

Question No. 190—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. How many Unemployment Insurance Commission offices are there in the federal constituency of Lotbinière?
2. How many claims for unemployment insurance benefits were filed at each of these offices, by year, since January 1, 1965, by persons residing in the federal constituency of Lotbinière?
3. What were the number of claims accepted in each of these offices, by year, since 1965?
4. How many persons residing in the federal constituency of Lotbinière registered for employment, each year, since 1965?
5. How many of the registered persons received employment, each year, since 1965?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Department of Manpower and Immigration as follows: 1. There are no offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission located in the federal constituency of Lotbinière.

2. The information is not available. There was an office of the commission located at Victoriaville in the federal constituency of Lotbinière until 18 September, 1967. The territory served by the Victoriaville office included most of Arthabaska county and part of Nicolet, Wolfe and Mégantic counties and no records were maintained as to the number of claims filed at the Victoriaville office from residents of the Lotbinière county.

3. The total number of claims filed at the Victoriaville office and for which the contribution requirements were met were: 4,374 in 1965; 4,120 in 1966 and 1,485 in 1967 (until 18 September, 1967).