ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

SOULANGES CANAL

Question No. 2-Mr. Chevrier:

- 1. What is the length of the Soulanges canal?
- 2. When was it built?
- 3. What is the total cost of the canal to Canada, i.e. (a) capital cost; (b) additions and betterments; (c) maintenance; (d) operation?
- 4. How many locks and bridges form part of the canal?
- 5. Is electricity developed anywhere along the canal, and if so, where, and what municipalities,
- individuals and others lease such services?

 6. Are water services provided to municipalities or others along the route of the canal? If so, to
- whom?
 7. How many leases, if any, have been granted
- for other purposes, and to whom?

 8. Are steps being taken to sell the canal as a going concern?
- 9. Has an appraisal been made of the value of the canal? If so, in what amount?
- 10. Has the canal been declared surplus to crown assets disposal corporation?

Answer by: Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):

- 1. 14.67 statute miles.
- 2. Between 1892 and 1899.
- 3. (a) \$7,895,119, (b) \$1,067,918 to April 1, 1960, (c) \$10,043,939 to April 1, 1960, (d) separate records for this particular canal not kept.
- 4. Five locks, 1 guard gate, 7 highway bridges-swing, 1 railway bridge-swing, C.N.R., 1 highway bridge built by Quebec department of highways.

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- 5. No, plant was shut down on October 10, 1960. No agreements for the supply of power to municipalities or private persons have been in effect since 1955.
- 6. No permission has been given to municipalities or others to take water from the canal.
 - 7. Eight—names and purposes as follows:
- J. Albert Danis, site for 9 cottages; Yvonne Biron-Juillet, site for residence; School Commission, Parish of Cedars, school; Arthur W. Sullivan, site for cottages; Rodolphe Rheaume, lessee's residence; Cedar Rapids Transmission Co. Ltd., site, 2 electric transmission lines; Corporation Parish St. Ignace, Coteau du Lac, province of Quebec, road access to Pauline Ave., steel swing bridge.
 - 8. No.
- 9. Yes, not in the public interest to reveal at this time.
 - 10. No.

FISHERIES BUILDING, LOUISBURG, N.S.

Question No. 34-Mr. McWilliam:

- 1. Has a new fisheries building been located in Louisburg, Nova Scotia?
- 2. If so, was property acquired for this building, and from whom and at what price?

Answer by: Hon. J. A. MacLean (Minister of Fisheries):

- 1. Yes.
- 2. Property was acquired from James J. Townsend of Glace Bay. Legal complications developed and officials of Department of Public Works are negotiating for final settlement.