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2. Mr. Michel Maletto has been employed by the Company of Young Canadians since December 5th, 1966. He is presently a project officer.

3. Mr. Maletto is a category 3 employee. The maximum salary for this category is \$10,000 per annum.

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7. The objects of the Company are to support, encourage and develop programs for social, economic and community development in Canada or abroad through voluntary service.

8. Volunteers receive a living allowance to cover room and board (this figure varies according to the cost of living in various parts of Canada); a personal allowance of \$35 per month; a book allowance of \$25 per year; and a clothing and equipment allowance of \$100 per year. The total amount for December, 1968 was \$43,612.18.

BAY ST. LAWRENCE, N.S.—ENROLMENT FOR  
ENGINE COURSE

Question No. 1,089—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):**

1. Has the Minister of Manpower and Immigration received a number of letters from fishermen in the Bay St. Lawrence, N.S., area, to the effect that they have been prevented from taking an engine course organized under the local Manpower Office because all those selected for the course are employees of one employer, Victoria Co-Operative Fisheries?

2. Will the Minister take steps immediately to set up an additional course for those excluded from the first course?

3. Will he take steps to ascertain why all of those enrolled in the present course were taken from the same organization and why others were excluded and will he investigate charges that favouritism has been shown in the selection of candidates?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** 1. Correspondence has been received from one person. In addition, I received verbal representations and discussed the problem with those concerned while visiting the area early in December 1968.

2. Some time prior to the asking of Question 1,089 steps to set up an additional course were already taken. Arrangement of this course was hampered by the fact that only one mobile trailer classroom for a course in engine repair is available from the Province

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of Nova Scotia. However, we were able to purchase places in a second course in nets and gear repairs which started on January 6 in Dingwall. Most, if not all, of those who were not referred to the first course are enrolled in this one.

3. A thorough investigation was carried out some weeks ago and it was determined that no favouritism was involved in the referral of persons to the first course. The course could only accommodate a maximum of ten people who had to be selected from a total of seventeen applicants. This, of course, meant that selective criteria had to be used to ensure that those candidates who could most benefit from the training would be chosen. I am advised that referral was made after consideration of such matters as the individual's need for training, his ability to benefit from it, the date of his application for it, marital status, number of dependents and, in one case veterans preference. Records show that most, if not all, of those omitted from the first course applied for training within a few days prior to the start of this course.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS

Question No. 1,101—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. What is the policy of the federal government towards recovery of default payments on loans made by the Industrial Development Bank?

2. Is a loss of approximately half a million dollars per year on this program considered normal?

3. What steps will the federal government take to avoid losses on loans made by the Industrial Development Bank?

4. How many companies or individuals had a loss written off by Industrial Development Bank, what is the name of each company or individual and where was each located in Canada and what was the amount of write-off in each case and why was the amount written off?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1. The Industrial Development Bank Act assigns to the Board of Directors the responsibility of managing the Bank, including matters relating to the recovery from debtors of amounts owing.

2. The record of amounts written off, by fiscal years, is given on pages 28 and 29 of the IDB Annual Report for the fiscal year 1968.

3. See reply to 1.

4. While the IDB provides comprehensive aggregate data on its operations in its Annual Report, it has not been the practice nor is it considered appropriate to make public information concerning individual accounts.