

Questions

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): The Auditor General's office advises as follows: 1. No French edition of the Audit Office Guide was prepared, presumably because there was no demand for it. The last edition of this guide which was released in January, 1958, is now out of print.

2. No, because this volume must be revised. Important changes have been and are continuing to be made in the financial management of departments of government. When these changes are substantially complete, the intention is that the Audit Office Guide be revised and a new edition released. The next edition will be made available in both official languages.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LAND PURCHASE,
TERRACE, B.C.

Question No. 2,897—**Mr. Pugh:**

1. Did the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development purchase some 20 acres of land in Terrace, B.C., since the beginning of the present year?

2. If so, what was the price paid, and who was the vendor?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON CANADIAN
SERVICEMEN IN EUROPE

Question No. 2,899—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. What is the reason that Canadian servicemen in Europe are denied the right to visit several European countries including the U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Romania?

2. Will the government give consideration to giving Canadian servicemen in Europe the same rights to visit these countries that the servicemen of the U.S.A. have?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): 1. NATO travel control requirements apply equally to all personnel serving under NATO. Each application made by Canadian servicemen for travel to the countries listed is assessed on its relationship to security.

2. As stated above, Canadian servicemen have the same visiting rights as United States servicemen under NATO with one exception, i.e. visits to Berlin. The subject of easing restrictions on visits to Berlin by Canadian servicemen is under review.

[Mr. Grégoire.]

RETURNING OFFICER, ROBerval
CONSTITUENCY, QUE.

Question No. 2,900—**Mr. Gauthier:**

Has a new returning officer been appointed for the constituency of Roberval, which remained unchanged in the last redistribution, and, if so (a) for what reason (b) what is the name of the new returning officer?

[Translation]

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Yes.

(a) Mr. Édouard Duchesne, who held this position, has reached retirement age.

(b) Mr. Roland Dion, 213 des Érables, Dolbeau, P.Q.

[English]

REFORESTED LAND IN QUEBEC

Question No. 2,901—**Mr. Gauthier:**

Of the 1,850,000 acres in Canada that were reforested from 1900 to 1965, as reported by the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development, how many are in the province of Quebec?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): 151,940 acres.

ENGINEERING REPORTS, PEMBINA RIVER
PROJECT

Question No. 2,902—**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):**

1. Has the international joint commission received all the necessary engineering reports in regard to the Pembina river project in Manitoba and North Dakota?

2. Has the commission approved these reports and, if so, is it now in a position to indicate when the project can be proceeded with?

3. Where will the dam projects be located, what are the estimated costs and when does the government expect that tenders for construction of the projects will be called?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned: 1. The International Joint Commission has received the report of the international Pembina river engineering board.

2. The International Joint Commission is now considering the terms of the report and recommendations that it is to make to the Canadian and United States governments.

3. When the governments receive the recommendations of the commission, they will be in a position to consider what action should be taken on them.