

Questions

DELIVERY IN OTTAWA OF WESTERN
NEWSPAPERSQuestion No. 541—**Mr. Pascoe:**

1. Is the cancellation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Dominion responsible for the late arrival in Ottawa of western daily newspapers?

2. Can faster mail service for these western newspapers be provided?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): 1. No. The postal service being provided for the delivery of western daily newspapers in Ottawa is at least the equal of that provided when mail was carried on the Dominion.

2. The Post Office Department is now making the best possible use of the existing transportation services.

SALES TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS
AND MACHINERYQuestion No. 615—**Mr. Madill:**

1. Would a contract signed June 10, 1963, be subject to the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials and production machinery which was established on June 13, 1963?

2. By what firms and individuals is this tax remitted to the Department of National Revenue?

3. How does the Department of National Revenue make certain that this sales tax has been applied on building materials and that the tax has been remitted to the department?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Section 10 of the 1963 amendments to the Excise Tax Act makes provision for sales tax relief where a vendor in Canada of building materials and production machinery exempt from sales tax before June 14, 1963, has, prior to that date, entered into a fixed price contract that does not permit him to add the sales tax.

2. Sales tax is remitted on taxable goods manufactured or produced in Canada by licensed manufacturers or licensed wholesalers.

3. Licensed manufacturers and licensed wholesalers are subject to periodic audit by excise tax auditors at which time it is ascertained that the correct amount of sales tax has been remitted to the department on taxable sales of building materials, production machinery and all other taxable products.

*ESCAPE OF PRISONERS FROM COLLINS'
BAY PENITENTIARYQuestion No. 654—**Mr. Alkenbrack:**

Has there been a special inquiry into the factors and/or persons contributing to the prison break of three dangerous prisoners from Collins' Bay

[Mr. McIlraith.]

penitentiary on Wednesday, February 9, 1966, who were later captured near St. Catharines and, if so, will the government report to the house the findings resulting from this inquiry?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the answer to part 1 is: Pursuant to Section 13 of the Penitentiary Act, the commissioner of penitentiaries has appointed his Honour Judge Harry R. Deyman, county court judge of Peterborough, Ontario, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the escape of four inmates from the Collin's Bay penitentiary, in the province of Ontario, on February 9, 1966.

The answer to part 2 is yes.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLEUR DE
LIS DRIVE, N.S.Question No. 659—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton
North and Victoria):**

1. Has the atlantic development board discussed the question of financial assistance to the province of Nova Scotia in the construction of the Fleur de Lis drive and, if so, on what dates was this subject discussed?

2. Has consideration been given by the atlantic development board to the granting of financial assistance to the construction of the Fleur de Lis drive?

3. Has a decision been reached by the Atlantic Development Board to grant assistance for the construction of the Fleur de Lis drive and, if so, how much financial assistance is to be granted?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I am informed by the Atlantic Development Board as follows:

1. Yes, July 5th-7th, 1965; September 30th, 1965.

2. Yes, but only within the context of a possible program of tourist road development in the whole Atlantic region.

3. No.

INCOME TAX DIRECTOR, ROUYN, QUE.

Question No. 729—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. Who has been director of the income tax office in Rouyn from 1960 to date?

2. Has this person been transferred to another area and, if so, where?

3. Who was appointed to replace him in Rouyn?

4. Is French the mother tongue of the new director?

5. Is he bilingual?

6. Had the civil service among its ranks a French Canadian to head an income tax office covering an area with 9 per cent French speaking population?