

Questions

CONSTRUCTION OF AIR TERMINAL,
ROUYN, QUE.Question No. 535—**Mr. Caouette:**

Have any surveys been made with regard to the building of an air terminal at the Rouyn air field?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): No, but an economic survey report is programmed for completion by February 1968.

STUDIES ON COMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE

Question No. 540—**Mr. Caouette:**

Does the Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation intend to enter the field of telecommunications by satellite and, if so, are studies being made in this connection?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): On August 20, 1964, in Washington, D.C., Canada signed the interim and special agreements which had been negotiated by governments of a number of countries with a view to the establishment and operation of an international telecommunication satellite system, and in which 58 nations now participate. Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation was designated by the government of Canada as the operating entity for Canada. The corporation remains active in this field and is operating a satellite earth station located at Mill Village, Nova Scotia, providing telephone and television services between Canada and Europe.

EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO

Question No. 543—**Mr. Nielsen:**

1. Has the government engaged in discussions with private oil exploration and/or drilling companies with a view to participating in the establishment of a crown corporation for the purpose of channeling public and private investment funds into exploration of the Arctic archipelago?

2. If so, what are the names of the persons, firms and/or corporations with which such discussions have been held?

3. Has any agreement been reached with respect to the establishment of such a crown corporation and, if so, what are the details of such agreement?

4. What is the anticipated investment by the government in the undertaking?

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

2. N/A.

3. No.

4. N/A.

[Mr. Laing.]

MILL OF KINTAIL AS HISTORIC SITE

Question No. 549—**Mr. Brand:**

1. Have any approaches been made to the historic sites and monuments board for the purchase of the Almonte home of Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie?

2. In view of the many representations, is it the intent of this government to designate the Mill of Kintail as a national historic site?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. No. The historic sites and monuments board of Canada does not consider the purchase of houses per se.

It has, however, on two separate occasions considered the national historical importance of the home, known as the Mill of Kintail, and its view has been that the mill is not of national historical significance.

In 1958 the board also recommended that the name Robert Tait McKenzie be added to the list of distinguished Canadians. The board recently considered this matter again and recommended the erection of a plaque commemorating McKenzie.

2. In view of the board's recommendation that the mill is not of national historical importance, it is not intended to designate the Mill of Kintail as a national historic site.

STUDY OF FISCAL MATTERS,
YUKON TERRITORYQuestion No. 550—**Mr. Nielsen:**

1. With respect to the appointment by the government of Messrs. Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart, chartered accountants, to conduct a study of taxation and fiscal affairs in the Yukon Territory, is such study to be undertaken on a contract basis?

2. If so, what is the cost to the government of the study to be undertaken?

3. If the study is to be undertaken on a basis other than that of contract, what is the anticipated cost of the same?

4. Was the study specifically requested by the Yukon legislative council?

5. Was the appointment of Messrs. Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart specifically requested by the Yukon legislative council?

6. Was the Yukon legislative council consulted with respect to the appointment of Messrs. Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart or with respect to the terms of reference of the study or with respect to any other matter relating to the study?

7. Is any portion of the cost of the study to be charged against the consolidated revenue fund of the Yukon Territory?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes.