

Questions

YUKON TERRITORY—RAILWAY TO WATSON LAKE

SURVEY RESPECTING DEMAND FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

Question No. 2,425—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

1. Does the government intend to build a railway to Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, in the near future?
2. If so (a) when will the work begin (b) when will it be completed?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): 1. No plans exist to build a railway to Watson Lake at this time.

2. An economic feasibility study and technical feasibility studies are currently being undertaken which will indicate when or if the railroad should be built to the Yukon.

FLYING PAY TO PILOTS

Question No. 2,464—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Is it the federal government's intention to continue to pay pilots "flying pay" when they perform administrative duties primarily?
2. Is it the federal government's intention that those in the Canadian Forces performing the same function with the same rank receive the same pay regardless of qualifications?
3. How many officers formerly RCAF aircrew, without university degrees, are there in the Canadian Forces and how many are there in each Officer rank and how many of them are not on flying duty per se?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. See reply to your question number 1554, *Hansard* dated 10 March, 1969, page 6388.

2. It is difficult to determine what is meant by qualification and its relation to entitlement to a specific rate of pay and the function being performed. Circumstances of employment must also be considered. Where the employment is to gain further experience and a wider knowledge of administration and organization, then it is possible that although of the same rank and performing the same function, the rate of pay may not be the same because of qualification. However, where qualification is not a determining factor for entitlement to a specific rate of pay, the pay is the same for the same rank performing the same function.

3. 3114 as follows: LGEN, 1; MGEN, 5; BGEN, 16; COL, 67; LCOL, 182; MAJ, 479; CAPT, 2168; LT, 196.

Of this number, 689 are not on flying duties per se.

Question No. 2,469—**Mr. Rose:**

1. With reference to the statement of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration recorded at page 8783 of *Hansard* that "We do not believe that Canada itself will be able until 1972 to supply the demand for university teachers in this country", what surveys or projections led to such a conclusion?

2. If copies of any such surveys, statistics or projections are in the possession of the government, will they be Tabled in the House?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. My statement of May 16 regarding the ability of Canada itself to fill the demand for university teachers was based on an initial evaluation made by officers of my Department of data produced by the National Research Council. This material originally appeared some time ago, but recently was reproduced in the Macdonald Report to the Science Council, Graduate Students and Faculty Resources of Canadian Universities and Colleges.

The data to which I refer appears in Tables 4 and 5 of the report. These Tables projected the demand for, and supply of, new university teachers in Canada and show us as meeting the demand from our own resources by 1970-71 on the basis of an assumed 4 per cent turnover of academic staff.

The initial view of my officers, to which they still hold, was that the estimated supply was somewhat overstated because it included a large number of doctoral candidates who are neither Canadians nor landed immigrants and who would not normally obtain academic posts in Canada.

At the same time, it was felt that the projected size of the Ph. D. graduating class was somewhat high; this too would affect the predicted number of new doctorates available to enter university teaching. It has turned out, for example, that whereas the report estimated the 1967-68 Ph.D. graduating class at 1,245, the actual figure as subsequently reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was 1,006.

2. See first paragraph of "1" above.

VETERANS AFFAIRS PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSONNEL

Question No. 2,487—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Veterans Affairs have a public relations staff and, if so, how many?