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(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DISPOSITION OF ALEXANDRA BRIDGE,
OTTAWA

Question No. 2,002—**Mr. Isabelle:**

1. Have the studies undertaken on the Alexandra bridge, for the purpose of determining whether it should be demolished, been completed?
2. If so, what were the results of that survey?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Surveys to determine the condition of the bridge have been substantially completed.

2. The surveys indicate that the piers are sound, but that, because there has been corrosion of certain steel members of the bridge, the continuation of the load restrictions that have been in effect for some time is warranted. The consultants will soon provide a report listing the necessary repairs.

CHIEF OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTION,
INDIAN AFFAIRS

Question No. 2,431—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Who is the chief of the financial and management services section in the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?
2. How long has he held the position?
3. What are his academic qualifications?
4. What is his previous experience in working with Indians either in the department or elsewhere?
5. What are his duties and responsibilities and to whom does he report?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. The position of the chief of the financial and management services was not established as such. The revised organization of the Indian affairs branch provided instead for a branch financial services adviser. The incumbent of this position is Mr. Jean-Marie Thibault.

2. Since January 1, 1966.

3. (a) Columbia University, N.Y., M.B.A.; (b) École des Hautes Études Commerciales, L. Sc. Com.; (c) Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants.

4. Since joining the Indian affairs branch more than a year ago, Mr. Thibault had numerous occasions to meet the Indian people, to discuss their problems and to study various projects designed by the branch to improve the living standards of the Indians in Canada.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, we have been waiting for some time for information on this matter, and I may say at the outset that it comes none too soon for those who have to plan for the season.

This is a very detailed statement and we will have to give it great consideration, particularly because there is more sectionalization than before. I think this points up the necessity of referring this entire matter to the transportation committee for study, in light of the costs and revenues and the plans originally set up when the seaway was instituted. I cannot say that we are in agreement with the changes because I do not know enough about them at the moment. Let me say, however, as one from the maritimes, that we still feel the seaway should bear a greater share of its costs, as it was constituted to do.

● (2:50 p.m.)

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ACT

AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING
LEGISLATION

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-279, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Winters: Mr. Speaker, the main purpose of this bill is to deal with the provisions of the current act which will expire in mid-year; therefore it is necessary to amend the act to perpetuate the provisions thereof.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL,
ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

Hon. L. T. Pennell (for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the establishment of a Canada manpower and immigration council, of advisory boards and of regional and local manpower committees; to provide also for the appointment of the members thereof, their remuneration, allowances and other expenses; and to provide further that all expenditures for the purpose of the act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by parliament therefor.

Motion agreed to.