

Questions

Export Credits Insurance Corporation

In addition funds have been allocated to member countries of the Colombo Plan for development purposes under Section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act as follows—

1961-62	\$ 20,000,000
1962-63	20,000,000
1963-64	30,800,000
1964-65	33,500,000
1965-66	12,500,000
Total	\$116,800,000

[English]

WHARF CONSTRUCTION, METEGHAN, N.S.

Question No. 428—Mr. Bower:

1. Has any petition been received for the construction of a wharf at Meteghan, district of Clare, Digby county, Nova Scotia?

2. If so, have any surveys for this work been planned or made?

3. What was the decision as a result of the survey?

4. What is the estimated cost of construction of the wharf?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. The department is presently constructing facilities for the fishery of this area at Saulnierville; consequently, to assure that any additional work undertaken would be of a kind most suitable to the local industry it would seem best to consider particular requests from nearby places when the impact of the Saulnierville development can be fully assessed.

4. It is not customary to reveal estimated costs.

SALARIES AND WAGES, POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 439—Mr. Godin:

What amounts did the Post Office Department spend, during the years 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965 on (a) salaries and wages (b) professional and special services?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):

Fiscal year ended March 31st	(a)	(b)
	Salaries and Wages \$	Professional and Special Services \$
1962	139,775,001.11	33,028.89
1963	143,293,772.28	69,432.82
1964	163,422,905.54	125,776.76
1965	162,140,191.99	151,952.90

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

The figures for salaries and wages include both payments from appropriations and salaries paid from postal revenue and also night differential allowance.

[English]

TIGHT MONEY POLICY

Question No. 447—Mr. Crouse:

1. Within the last twelve months, has the government, or the Bank of Canada as fiscal agent and with the knowledge of the government, taken any action or initiated any policy having or intended to have the effect of tightening the money supply in Canada?

2. Has the government any information to indicate that Canadian chartered banks are refusing loans to traditional customers?

3. If so, was this action the intended and logical consequence of the policy and action referred to in part 1?

4. If the answer to part 1 is in the affirmative, will the government give consideration to arranging or discussing with the Bank of Canada an exemption from such policy for the Atlantic provinces?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):

1. The rate of change in the money supply (i.e. in the total of currency outside banks and chartered bank deposits) within the last twelve months has varied in accordance with the circumstances and the increase in the year ending January, 1966, has been \$1,915,000,000 or 10.7 per cent.

2. While the government has no direct information on this subject, the demand for borrowed funds arising from the strong economic growth which has been taking place has been so intense that it is likely that some bank borrowers have been unable to secure as large loans as they would have liked. The chartered banks have tried to meet the normal borrowing needs of their traditional customers, particularly their smaller customers, and total chartered bank loans have increased by \$1,690,000,000 or by 17.7 per cent during the year ending January, 1966.

3. Answered by 1 and 2.

4. Answered by 1.

DEATH OF DOUGLAS TURNER IN VIET NAM

Question No. 452—Mr. Fairweather:

1. What was the purpose of the flight in Viet Nam which resulted in the apparent death of Douglas Turner, an officer of the Department of External Affairs?

2. Upon what type of aircraft was the flight made?

3. How old was the aircraft?

4. What inspection and maintenance procedures were followed to ensure the safety and reliability of the aircraft and by whom were they carried out?

5. What steps have been taken to find the aircraft and its passengers?