

2. If so (a) what is the reason for and amount of the charge (b) what has been the total amount of this charge each year since 1950?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):**

1. Under the terms of a handling agreement negotiated annually with all elevator companies a diversion charge is paid by the Canadian Wheat Board on wheat shipped by elevator companies from their country elevators directly to the Port of Churchill for export.

2. (a) The diversion charge paid by the Canadian Wheat Board since 1950 has been 1½ cents per bushel. A diversion charge is a charge assessed by an elevator company when grain shipped from one of its country elevators is diverted from that company's terminal elevator to another destination. Elevator companies consider that their country and terminal elevators operate as an entity, and terminal revenues are an important factor in determining the basis upon which country elevators can be operated. Therefore, it has been a long-established trade practice that when a company loses terminal handling on grain as a result of the diversion of a country elevator shipment to a destination other than the company's terminal, a diversion charge is assessed to compensate for the loss of terminal earnings. (b) The total amount of diversion charges paid by the Canadian Wheat Board in respect of grain shipped in each navigation season through Churchill is as follows:

Churchill Shipping Seasons	Diversion Charge on Country Shipments Direct to Churchill
1950	\$101,615.48
1951	132,312.53
1952	129,560.76
1953	168,208.86
1954	185,490.29
1955	206,648.03
1956	247,816.37
1957	245,536.58
1958	282,259.25
1959	325,575.17
1960	269,310.28
1961	275,183.66
1962	302,032.29
1963	341,486.56
1964	323,259.98
1965	295,367.89

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PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N.S.

Question No. 843—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Does the Department of Public Works plan to construct any new wharfage facilities in Cumberland county during the fiscal year 1966-67?

2. Is it the plan of the Department of Public Works to carry out any repairs to existing facilities owned by the federal government in Cumberland in the fiscal year 1966-67 and, if so, at what location and of what will the repairs in question consist?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. No.

2. No.

\*PENSION PLAN DEDUCTIONS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Question No. 871—**Mr. Forbes:**

1. Are contributions made to the Canada Pension Plan from salaries of municipal councillors, reeves, deputy reeves, and mayors of small municipalities?

2. If so, has the government given consideration to the possibility that extra bookkeeping of relatively small salaries is involved?

3. If so, has the consideration been given to the exemption of such salaries from contributions to the Canada Pension Plan?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to starred question 871 is in three parts as follows:

1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Not specifically, but no contribution is required if the amount of salary does not exceed the basic minimum annual exemption of \$600 prorated for the pay period.

AIR CANADA POLICY RESPECTING IATA

Question No. 874—**Mr. Caouette:**

What is the policy of Air Canada with respect to the International Air Transport Association?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The management of Air Canada advise as follows:

Air Canada's policy with respect to the International Air Transport Association is to participate as a member in good standing in the work of the association, and to honour the practices set up by agreement among its member airlines.