

Questions

employees. The board has now set April 10 for the postponed public hearing.

As to the incident mentioned in the question, the board will inquire into the matter and ascertain whether the facts were as so stated.

2. The cities of Montreal and Cote St. Luc are jointly interested in the project and each has its own proposal and they have not been able to agree.

*LOANS TO EXHIBITIONS FOR MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDINGS

Question No. 2,706—**Mr. Pascoe:**

1. Did the Minister of Agriculture indicate recently that long-term government loans to exhibition companies for multi-purpose buildings will be made available in the near future?

2. Will such loans be obtainable this year?

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the question is in two parts. The answer to the first part of the question is no. The minister has indicated, however, that he hoped that legislation respecting long term government loans to exhibition corporations for multi-purpose buildings would be introduced in the house within a reasonable period.

The answer to the second part of the question is as follows. For any such loans, legislation would be required, and should the government reach a decision to introduce such legislation the decision will be announced in the usual manner.

REORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Question No. 2,716—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Is a re-organization of the Department of Public Works in progress?

2. If so (a) what, in detail, is (i) the objective (ii) the nature, of such re-organization (b) upon whose advice was it undertaken?

3. If outside consultants have been used in advising upon the re-organization (a) what were the names of such persons (b) what amount was paid to them for their work?

4. How many employees of the department are affected by such re-organization?

5. Of the number mentioned in part 4, how many have been (a) promoted (b) demoted (c) red-circled at a lower level than their current classification (d) refused selection for positions in the new organization and assigned to occupy supernumerary positions?

6. What is the departmental policy for relieving the classes of employees shown in the answer to part 5 (b), (c), and (d)?

[Mr. Byrne.]

7. Of the employees promoted, how many are in the following salary ranges (a) under \$5,000 per annum (b) between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per annum (c) between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per annum (d) over \$15,000 per annum?

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

2. (a) (i) The objective of the reorganization is to provide better and more efficient service to all government departments and agencies served by the Department of Public Works and to plan and carry out more effectively, public works projects which have increased substantially in numbers and scope since the department was last reorganized. (ii) The nature of the reorganization is, basically, to decentralize operations, including the implementation of approved departmental programs, to six regional offices across Canada; the determination of these programs will be maintained as a headquarters responsibility. (b) The reorganization was undertaken on the advice of departmental management, with treasury board approval, in order to be in a position to implement recommendations of the Glasco commission.

3. (a) Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co.; (b) \$197,536.60.

4. Until the reorganization is completed, it is not possible to state exactly the total number of employees who will be affected. There were approximately 8,500 continuing full time employees in the department on March 9, 1967. Of these, there are about 5,850 operating staffs whose functions will not be altered by the reorganization. Direct effects will be confined, almost entirely, to non-operating employees of whom there were about 2,650 on March 9, 1967.

5. As a result of the reorganization up to March 9, 1967: (a) 111; (b) Nil; (c) 2; (d) Nil.

6. Departmental policy covering employees who are or may be within the definitions contained in 5 (c) (d) is: Employees who, as a result of the reorganization, are placed in a position which is classified at a lower level than their current classification will retain this current classification level and where performance is satisfactory, will be allowed to proceed to the present salary maximum for that level in accordance with civil service pay regulations. These salary maxima will not be increased as a result of revisions arising from cyclical pay reviews. However, such employees will be eligible for further salary increases when the salary range for their position in the new organization has, as a