

## Questions

The board has under active discussion and consideration at present the scope of future studies on the technical and economic aspects of tidal power development in the bay of Fundy, including Minas basin.

FLYING OF RED ENSIGN, FORESTRY BUILDING,  
QUEBEC CITY

Question No. 2,291—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date, and on whose instructions, was the Canadian red ensign no longer flown from the forestry building at Quebec city?

2. What are the reasons for such an action?

3. Were any incidents reported relating to the flying of the Canadian red ensign from the aforementioned building?

**Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry):** 1. On February 28, 1964, after consultation with departmental headquarters.

2. This decision was taken after repeated acts of vandalism resulting in the cutting of the halyard and, on three occasions during the preceding months, the theft of the flag.

3. The incidents noted above were reported to the local police and those concerning the theft of the flag were also reported to the R.C.M.P.

QUEBEC—CONSTRUCTION OF CENTENNIAL  
BUILDINGS

Question No. 2,304—**Mr. Ricard:**

Was there any agreement between the government of the province of Quebec and the federal government concerning the construction of cultural centres or other buildings to commemorate the centennial and, if so, (a) on what date were such agreements signed (b) in what municipalities will such centres or buildings be erected, and (c) what sum has the federal government granted in each such case?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the centennial commission as follows:

Yes. (a) The agreement was signed on 28 January, 1964. (b) The agreement requires prior approval by the provincial authorities of applications submitted by municipalities and the centennial commission has not yet received submissions from the province of Quebec. (c) Answered by (b).

\*PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS AND  
DISMISSALS

Question No. 2,305—**Mr. Ricard:**

Since April 8, 1963 (a) how many civil servants have been hired by (i) order in council (ii) civil service commission competition (b) how many civil servants have been dismissed (c) how many civil servants have been superannuated?

**An hon. Member:** Stand.

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

**Mr. Speaker:** Stand.

**Mr. Ricard:** On a question of privilege, I think the parliamentary secretary was just about to answer my question. It has been on the order paper for three months now.

**Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State):** I am quite ready to answer starred question 2,305. I thought there was some objection. The answer is as follows:

(a) (i) when appointments are made by order in council, the appointees are not classified as civil servants. (ii) The number of civil servants employed as the result of civil service competitions from April 1, 1963 to October 31, 1964, is 28,143.

While this number represents the total number of appointments to the civil service as the result of civil service competitions, it includes a number of persons who were already employed in the civil service or public service and who received new appointments as a result of these competitions. Our statistical records do not contain the information required to ascertain the exact number in each of these groups.

(b) 321.

(c) 5,158.

\*MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR EASTERN  
AGRICULTURE

Question No. 2,323—**Mr. Martineau:**

Who is the minister responsible for eastern agriculture?

**Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** Federal agriculture policies are administered by the Minister of Agriculture except those relating to freight assistance on western feed grain, maritime marshland rehabilitation and agricultural rehabilitation and development which are administered by the Minister of Forestry.

\*CHANGE OF NAME OF HARRINGTON LAKE

Question No. 2,324—**Mr. Pigeon:**

1. Since May 1, 1963, has the federal government officially requested Quebec government authorities to have the name of Harrington lake, the Prime Minister's summer residence, changed to Lac Mousseau, or some other French name and, if not, for what reason?

2. Does the federal government intend to take the necessary steps to effect such change and if so, when?

**Hon. W. M. Benidickson (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** 1. No. The Canadian permanent committee on geographical names does not request that a geographical name be changed without sufficient reason to indi-