

made, but for which the actual detailed application has not yet been received.

2. The commission does not maintain statistics on the average length of time it takes to process a claim.

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ST. LAWRENCE RIVER RETAINING WALLS—LOTBINIÈRE
CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 16—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. How many retaining walls has the government built along the St. Lawrence River, in the constituency of Lotbinière (a) where is each wall located (b) what was the total cost (c) what was the date of construction?

2. If repairs or improvements were needed (a) on what date was the work done (b) at what cost?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): 1. Forty-seven. (a) 21, Deschaillons; 3, Lotbinière (St-Louis de Lotbinière); 8, St. Emmelie and Leclercville; 3, St-Croix; 7, St. Antoine de Tilly; 5, St. Pierre les Becquets; (b) \$484,225. (c) The retaining walls were constructed during the following years: 1939, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1971, 1973.

2. (a) Repairs and improvements were carried out during 1947, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1969, 1971. (b) \$52,740.

RESOLUTION REGARDING WATER LEVELS OF LAKE ONTARIO
AND LAKE ERIE

Question No. 41—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Has the Department of the Environment received a resolution from the city of St. Catharines dated November 19, 1973 requesting the government to provide municipalities bordering Lake Ontario and Lake Erie with regular up-to-date information on water levels of these lakes?

2. What action has the government taken on this matter and, specifically, has it agreed to this request and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, on what date will municipalities start receiving the information?

Mr. William Rompkey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. Yes.

2. The Minister of the Environment wrote to the City Clerk of St. Catharines on December 21 stating that his department already publishes a Monthly Water Levels Bulletin for the Great Lakes and Montreal Harbour, which includes a forecast of probable future levels for the ensuing six months. The Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of St. Catharines is now on the distribution list. Daily information on water levels and their trends can be obtained by phone from the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, Burlington, Ontario, telephone 416-637-4268. (a) Not applicable. (b) As soon as they write to the Hydrographic Chart Distribution Office, Department of the Environment, Ottawa K1A 0E6 and ask to be put on the distribution list.

Order Paper Questions

NEGOTIATION RELATING TO SUPERTANKER TRANSPORT OF
OIL

Question No. 111—**Mr. Mather:**

Are negotiations between Canada and the United States relative to supertanker transport of oil through the Strait of Juan de Fuca confined to an oil-spill clean-up agreement?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Canada-United States Oil Spill Contingency Plan which will soon be in effect will apply to the east coast and Great Lakes as well as the west coast. While important in itself, the plan is only one component of a comprehensive package the government is proposing to the United States as part of extensive bilateral negotiations to deal with whatever increase of tanker traffic may develop in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Rosario Strait.

COST OF EN42-173 PAMPHLET

Question No. 137—**Mr. Laprise:**

What was the cost of publication of the pamphlet number EN42-173 published by Environment Canada and how much did Workshop Inc. receive for the numerous drawings printed in the pamphlet?

Mr. William Rompkey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): The total cost of publication of the pamphlet EN42-173, "Air Pollution in Canada", was \$11,500. Design Workshop Inc. received \$5,340 for their services.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEWSPRINT DISTRIBUTION RESEARCH
GROUP

Question No. 216—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Has the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce established a marketing and distribution group known as the "Newsprint Distribution Research" and, if so, on what date was it established, what companies are involved and what were the terms of reference?

2. Will such study be broadened to include the shipment of newsprint from regions other than Quebec including the Atlantic Provinces?

3. What are the names of the principal personnel involved in such study and what were the criteria for their selection?

4. Has any computer work been allocated to companies based in the United States and, if so, for what reason was such work not given to Canadian-based firms?

Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. As part of the government's strategy to improve the international competitiveness of Canada's pulp and paper industry, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is contributing to the costs of a feasibility investigation on possible methods of reducing distribution costs for newsprint. Under the Trade-Industrial Program separate contributions are being made to the Canadian National Railways and to Newsprint Distribution Research, who are conducting separate parts of the investigation at arms length. Newsprint Distribution Research was established May 1, 1973, and is an association, formed for the purpose by a group of five newsprint producers based in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. The companies involved are: Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills Limited; The Price Company Limited; Domtar Limited; Abitibi Paper Company