

Questions

[English]

REMOVAL OF EXCISE TAX ON JEWELLERY

Question No. 1,597—**Mr. Moores:**

Does the government intend to remove the Excise Tax on jewellery and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): This is a matter of government policy. If the government should decide to propose an amendment to the Excise Tax Act to remove the special excise tax on jewellery it would be announced at the appropriate time.

CBC—COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Question No. 1,609—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Since January 1, 1970, how many complaints have been received from residents of the Northwest Territories concerning the radio service of CBC?

2. Has a protest on the matter been received from the Legislative Council of the Northwest Territories?

3. What is the estimated number of residents of the Northwest Territories who are able to receive service from (a) radio Australia (b) CBC radio?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. None.

2. No. However there has been a cordial exchange of correspondence between the CBC Northern Service and a member of the Northwest Territories Council concerning radio reception in the District of Keewatin.

The existing shortwave service will be improved with the installation of higher powered equipment including a specially designed antenna directed solely to the North. This is part of the Corporation's overall shortwave modernization project which has had to be phased over four or five years due to financial restrictions.

3. (a) Unknown to CBC. (b) CBC estimates that its radio service is available to 90% of the residents of the Northwest Territories through standard band or shortwave facilities.

[English]

INSTALLATION OF TIDE-GAUGE, DESCHAILLONS, LOTBINIÈRE

Question No. 1,611—**Mr. Fortin:**

Did the government grant special work contracts for the installation of a tide-gauge at Deschaillons in the constituency of Lotbinière in 1969-1970 and, if so (a) on what dates were these contracts granted (b) who were the contractors chosen (c) how much was paid to each contractor?

[Mr. Pelletier.]

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Yes. (a) and (b) On November 21, 1969, a contract for the construction of a tide gauge at Deschaillons, was awarded to Camille Vezina Construction, Fortierville, P.Q. On December 10, 1969, a contract for the relocation of the electrical power line connections at Deschaillons was awarded to Marcel Bastien, Pointaux-Trembles, Montreal, P.Q. (c) Camille Vezina Construction, \$7,460; Marcel Bastien, \$998.

TRAIN ACCIDENTS

Question No. 1,623—**Mr. Mather:**

1. What was the number of train accidents in Canada in 1965 and 1969?

2. What was the number of deaths in these accidents?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that: 1. The number of train accidents in Canada reported for the year 1965 was 1,955. Data for the year 1969 will not be available for several months. However the number of train accidents in Canada reported for the Year 1968 was 1,911.

2. The number of persons killed in these train accidents totalled 229 in 1965 and 215 in 1968.

MANPOWER RETRAINING—MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Question No. 1,643—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What are the minimum educational requirements for manpower re-training?

2. What programs exist for those who have not met that standard?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. There are no minimum education requirements for assistance under the Canada Manpower Training Program. However, provinces set education entrance requirements for most skill courses offered in their institutions.

2. Adults may be provided with basic training for skill development so that they may meet the education requirements of employers or qualify for admission to skill courses.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—AMOUNT PAID IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO 1968-69

Question No. 1,650—**Mr. Lambert (Bellevue):**

What was the total amount of money paid by the federal government during the fiscal year 1968-69 for Family Allowances in (a) Quebec (b) Ontario?