

\*STAMP COMMEMORATING  
SIR CHARLES SAUNDERS

Question No. 2,847—**Mr. Irvine:**

Is it the intention of the government during this centennial year to introduce a special stamp or in some other way to recognize the great contributions made by Sir Charles Edward Saunders, the originator and founder of Marquis wheat, who was born in our confederation year in London, Ontario, and (a) if so, of what will the recognition consist (b) if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** The answer is no, Mr. Speaker. As a result of the contribution the Canada Post Office is making in commemorating the centennial of confederation, the philatelic program for 1967 is one of the heaviest in Canada's history. Numerous outstanding subjects were suggested for portrayal on postage stamps, but it was necessary to defer many worthy suggestions even though they were of national and international significance.

PARK STEAMSHIP CO.

Question No. 2,895—**Mr. Grégoire:**

1. Is Park Steamship Company, Limited, still operating and, if so, will it be given a French name?

2. If it is no longer in operation, has the company returned its letters patent?

3. If it is still in operation (a) what are its activities (b) who are its directors (c) when will it stop its activities?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Registrar General):**

1. No. Surrendered its charter June 27, 1966.

2. Yes.

3. Not applicable.

RETURNING OFFICER, VILLENEUVE  
CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 2,896—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. Is Mr. Fontaine the returning officer for the constituency of Villeneuve?

2. Has he been replaced as the returning officer for the new constituency of Villeneuve and, if so, for what reason?

[Translation]

**Mr. Albert Bécharé (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** 1. Yes, Mr. Fontaine is the present returning officer for the Villeneuve riding.

2. Yes.

According to the Canada Elections Act, a returning officer must be appointed by the governor in council for each electoral district,

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Now, as the boundaries of the present electoral district of Villeneuve were readjusted by virtue of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (13 Elizabeth II, c. 31), a returning officer had to be appointed for this new electoral district—and this was done accordingly.

[English]

\*GRANT FOR FERRY SERVICE,  
BAIE COMEAU-RIMOUSKI

Question No. 2,916—**Mr. Ricard:**

Has the federal government received a request for grants on behalf of the Compagnie Nord-Sud Limitée in relation to the ferry service between Baie Comeau and Rimouski?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GREECE—INQUIRY AS TO RECOGNITION OF  
NEW RÉGIME AND SAFETY OF CANADIANS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister regarding the new régime which has come to power in Greece by a military coup d'état. In view of the fact that this government appears to be a military dictatorship which has suspended many of the democratic provisions of the constitution and imprisoned a number of political leaders, I want to ask the Prime Minister if Canada intends to recognize the new régime and continue diplomatic relations with that government.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the question of recognition of a new régime is an important one, and it will be considered by the government. Meanwhile I do not think I can say anything else about the change in the internal government of Greece.

**Mr. Douglas:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Canadian government considered withholding recognition until such time as there is some indication of the restoration of democratic rights in that country and some assurance given with respect to the security of the political prisoners?

**Mr. Pearson:** Of course, Mr. Speaker, that is a hypothetical question. As far as the latter part of the question is concerned, we have no information which would lead us to believe