

Questions

YARMOUTH, N.S., FERRY SERVICE

Question No. 1,461—**Mr. Comeau:**

Is the ferry, presently under construction for Lion Ferry AB at Bremerhaven, designed for stern loading and, if so, what steps are planned at Yarmouth to make suitable facilities available for this type of ferry and will they be completed in time for the opening of the new ferry services?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):

The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: Investigation is presently proceeding on the probable requirements for a bow loading vessel at Yarmouth and the costs involved in providing such facilities. Any decision on federal participation in this project must await the evaluation of the results of these investigations.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT PRESS RELEASES

Question No. 1,489—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. Does the Department of Transport issue documents which are of the nature of press releases, press communiques, news releases or the like and, if so, how many such documents have been issued since July 1, 1968?

2. What has been the cost of (a) printing headings or cover sheets (b) typing the stencils (c) mimeographing or other form of duplicating (d) collating and stapling (e) addressing and mailing the said documents?

3. With respect to the paper used for the said documents, what is (a) its quality (b) the quantity used and the cost thereof?

4. What is the estimate of the number of man-hours consumed in the preparation, production and distribution of such documents?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):

1. Yes, 69.

2. (a) \$158.70; (b) \$270.00; (c) \$389.06; (d) \$873.08; (e) \$3,105.00.

3. (a) No. 7 Bond, 40M; (b) 219,600 sheets at a cost of \$433.81.

4. 1,371 hours.

BELL CANADA RATES

Question No. 1,504—**Mr. Gilbert:**

Has the Government of Canada requested data from Bell Canada in relation to their recent application to the Canadian Transport Commission for increase in telephone rates as stated by the Postmaster General on December 16 last and, if so, what specific data has been requested?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):

In so far as the Communications Department is concerned: No request has been made to Bell Canada for information relative to their application for an increase in telephone rates.

[Mr. Pelletier.]

While the application is before the Canadian Transport Commission, the department does not plan to initiate action in this regard. However, as stated on December 16, 1968, the Department of Communications is intent on gathering information on the telecommunications industry so as to be in a position to make rational decisions on such problems.

MONTREAL—SITE OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Question No. 1,506—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Has the Department of Transport selected a new site for the Montreal International Airport?

2. Have any lands been purchased at this time?

3. When will construction commence on the new airport?

4. What is the anticipated opening date for the new airport?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):

1. The Department of Transport has evaluated alternative sites but a final decision has not yet been made.

2. No.

3. Present planning is that initial construction will commence in approximately 18 months.

4. Departmental plans are predicated upon the new airport being operational by 1974.

ATHABASCA, ALTA., POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Question No. 1,516—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

1. How many post offices have been closed in the Athabasca constituency in 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968?

2. How many post offices will be closed in the Athabasca constituency in 1969?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):

In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: 1. 1965, 2; 1966, none; 1967, 9; 1968, 7.

2. The Frains, Alberta, Post Office is to be closed in the near future.

Note: Further studies are being conducted with a view to closing additional Post Offices within the closing program criteria but no decision has been made on any case as yet.

LONG LINER FISHING VESSEL TENDERS

Question No. 1,549—**Mr. Crouse:**

1. Did the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development recently call tenders in the Atlantic Provinces for a long liner type fishing vessel?