

	Number of Applicants Interviewed		Number Hired	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
(c) New Brunswick	225	60	1	5
(d) Nova Scotia	103	191	7	0
(e) Quebec	2304	3008	422	210
(f) Ontario	3840	2742	250	149

APPLICATIONS FOR CANADA PENSION PLAN DISABILITY PENSIONS

Question No. 1,207—Mr. Wise:

1. How many applications were received by the government for Canada Pension Plan disability pensions for each year 1972 and 1973 and, of these, how many were approved?

2. (a) How many people received disability pensions for each year (b) what was the average amount received?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Disability pension applications received by Canada Pension Plan Head office: 1972, 18,009; 1973, 19,126; Approvals: 1972, 72.7% or 13,273; 1973, 72.8% or 13,924.

2. (a) Disability Recipients*: 1972, 19,330 (December); 1973, 29,636 (December); (b) Average monthly payment: 1972, \$92.11; 1973, \$93.75.

*Excluded are those who were beneficiaries sometime during these years but who were no longer beneficiaries in December and those who may have received retroactive payment at this time.

CNR—NOISE LEVEL STUDIES

Question No. 1,213—Mr. Huntington:

Will the Department of Transport release the noise level studies arranged through the Department of the Environment, for the Canadian National Railway, pertaining to noise levels resulting from rail and waterfront activity in the City and District of North Vancouver and, if the study is not available, for what reason?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The study referred to in the question is a private one conducted by Canadian National for their internal use. The Ministry of Transport did not participate in the study and does not propose to release the study results.

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES—SERVICE TO SASKATOON AND REGINA

Question No. 1,267—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

1. Is the government committed to allowing Canadian Pacific Airlines rights to serving Saskatoon and Regina in Saskatchewan for domestic and/or international flights?

2. Has Canadian Pacific Airlines made application to serve Saskatoon or Regina for domestic and/or international flights?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: 1. No.

2. No.

Order Paper Questions

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE ACT

Question No. 1,284—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

Is the government giving consideration to an amendment to the War Veterans Allowance Act to provide for the payment of pension at married rates following a pensioner's divorce so long as the pensioner is compelled by court order to pay maintenance to the former spouse and/or the pensioner's children?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): No consideration is being given to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act to provide the payment of married rate following a recipient's divorce. Married rate is not paid to a recipient of an allowance if he or she is divorced as his or her spouse is no longer recognized for allowance purposes. With respect to dependent children, married rate may be authorized on behalf of the first child and additional allowance may be paid for each dependent child provided the child is a "dependent child" as specified in the Act.

CABINET MINISTERS—EXCHANGE OF GIFTS WHEN ATTENDING MEETINGS OUTSIDE CANADA

Question No. 1,296—Mr. Coates:

1. Has it been the practice of Cabinet Ministers to exchange gifts when attending meetings outside Canada on government business and, if so, is this a usual practice or one that only relates to specific visits and, in either case, have there been occasions when this has occurred and what are the names of the Cabinet Ministers who have been involved in such gift exchanges?

2. In each instance (a) was the gift received by the Cabinet Minister considered his own property or the property of the country (b) was the gift made to a foreign dignitary paid for by the Cabinet Minister in question or the government (c) what were the gifts exchanged?

3. Have there been any occasions where a Cabinet Minister visiting outside of Canada received a gift from a foreign government where there was no exchange of such gifts and, in these instances, was the gift retained by the Cabinet Minister or did it become government property and, in cases where this has happened, what was the specific item received?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): There is no policy for exchanging gifts. On certain occasions, such as official visits when they are guests of another country, Ministers have presented gifts to their hosts on behalf of the Government of Canada. Sometimes the host has presented a gift to the visiting Canadian Ministers. The same general situation prevails when dignitaries from other countries visit Canada officially and are guests of the Government of Canada. The gifts selected for presentation to hosts abroad or to visitors to Canada have been of a personal nature intended to be retained by them as a souvenir of the occasion and of Canada. Enquiries among Ministers indicate that the gifts they have received have been of the same character, i.e. personal and intended as a souvenir of the occasion and of the country of the donor.

SALES TAX REDUCTION ON BUILDING MATERIALS

Question No. 1,348—Mr. Robinson:

In what way will the government ensure that the 5 per cent sales tax reduction on building materials will be passed on to the consumer?