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3. Formal representations advocating the establishment of a national legal research in- I am informed by the Chief Electoral Officer stitute, the functions of which might be comparable to those of a Canadian law reform commission, have been received from the faculty of law of the University of Saskatchewan.

RAINMAKING EXPERIMENTS

Question No. 51-Mr. Laprise:

1. During the year 1966, did the government carry out any experiments, anywhere in Canada, on land or in the air, in order to produce rainfall and, if so, where did these experiments take place and what were the results?

2. During the year 1966, to the knowledge of the government, did any private enterprise carry out any research, on land or in the air, in

order to produce rainfall?

3. During the year 1967, does the government propose to carry out or allow any private enterprise to carry out any experiments, on land or in the air, in order to produce rainfall?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):

In so far as the Department of Transport is concerned:

- 2. Informal advice has been received to the effect that private firms carried out experimentation in this connection during 1966 in the provinces of Alberta and Nova Scotia.
 - 3. No governmental projects are planned.

INDIAN BENEFITS FROM CANADA PENSION PLAN

Question No. 127-Mr. Dinsdale:

Do the Indians who live and work on reserves benefit from the Canada Pension Plan?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): An Indian who lives on a reserve benefits under the Canada Pension Plan: (a) from earnings received for work performed off the reserve, and (b) provided he is a contributor to the public service superannuation fund, from earnings received for work performed on the reserve as a federal public servant.

An Indian who lives off a reserve benefits from work performed either on or off the reserve.

CANDIDATES' REPORTS ON ELECTION EXPENSES

Question No. 164-Mr. Godin:

Have any candidates produced reports since the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer's report on electoral expenses appeared and, if so, what are their names?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): as follows: As far as can be ascertained the following candidates have filed with their respective returning officers their return of election expenses subsequent to the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer submitted his report in that regard.

As required by the Canada Elections Act, each report was accompanied by a judge's order. Fred Stevenson, Peterborough; Ken Binks, Russell; H. D. P. Logan, Victoria, Ont.; Val Scott, York Centre; Edward G. Phillips, York-Scarborough; Paul Labrie, Lapointe; Raymond Doré, Lévis; G. B. Alex, Hutchison, Saint-Antoine-Westmount; Robert J. Butler, Halifax; John E. Lloyd, Halifax; Harold W. Parsons, Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador; Robert Taft, Winnipeg North; Ron Allen, Bow River.

PENSION OF C.B.C. PRESIDENT

Question No. 193-Mr. Ormiston:

- 1. Is the pension of the president of the C.B.C. approved by the board of directors of the C.B.C.?
- 2. Is the pension of the president of the C.B.C. authorized by statute?
- 3. What is the formula for determining the pension benefits of a president of the C.B.C.?
- 4. Are the pension benefits of a president of the C.B.C. at retirement normally greater than those pension benefits which accrue to a president who resigns prior to the termination of his appointment by governor in council?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: 1. Yes, in that it is governed by the terms of the C.B.C. pension plan which was established by the C.B.C. board of directors.

- 2. The C.B.C. board of directors was authorized by statute to establish a pension fund for the directors, officers and employees of the corporation and their dependants.
- 3. (a) The normal pension benefits of a president are the same as for all contributors -2 per cent of average salary during the highest paid five years within the last ten years of service, multiplied by the number of years of service. This is subject to some reduction in respect of service rendered after January 1, 1966, when the Canada and Quebec pension plans became effective. If 25 years of service have been rendered, earned pension rights are granted in full on retirement at or after age 60, otherwise they are granted in full only at age 65. If retirement takes place before 65, or before 60 in the case of employees of twenty-five or more years of service, pension benefits are actuarially reduced.