

Questions

AIR CANADA—SERVICE BETWEEN HALIFAX AND MONTREAL

Question No. 1,600—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. How many complaints have been received by Air Canada since April 25, 1971 regarding the frequency of flights between Halifax and Montreal?

2. What steps have been taken to provide regular service both ways between Halifax and Montreal between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.?

3. Will such service be provided and, if so, when?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The management of Air Canada advises as follows: 1. Ten written complaints have been received.

2. and 3. Effective April 25, 1971 the schedule provides 198 seats departing Halifax at 1400 hours, arriving Montreal 1425 hours. In addition, 198 seats are provided on Sunday departing Halifax at 1635 hours and on Tuesday departing Halifax at 1505 hours. The less-than-daily service will be extended to include Monday and Wednesday during the peak season. An additional DC9 service will, effective August 1st, operate on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until September 1st when Thursday will be added to the above days, for the months of September and October. This flight will depart Montreal at 1400 hours and arrive Halifax 1520 hours. In the reverse direction it will depart Halifax 1615 hours and arrive Montreal 1640 hours.

AIR CANADA—REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Question No. 1,601—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Is there an Atlantic Provinces Director, or General Manager of Services, for Air Canada?

2. Do the other region directors, or managers, report directly to a Region Manager and, if not, to whom do they report?

3. Over what areas of interest does the General Manager have decision-making authority and, to whom does he report?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The management of Air Canada advises as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. The General Manager, Atlantic Provinces, has area responsibilities for public relations, industrial and economic development and communications and he reports directly to the Vice-President, Eastern Region.

AIR CANADA—ATLANTIC REGION

Question No. 1,602—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Is the Atlantic Region represented on the Board of Air Canada and (a) if so, by whom (b) if not (i) since what date (ii) for what reasons?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Appointments to the Board are made to insure a wide range of experience, and all members are concerned with matters affecting all parts of the Air Canada operation. Mr. George Meikle of Sommerside, P.E.I. is presently a member of the Board.

[Mr. Duquet.]

P.E.I.—CANADA MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAM

Question No. 1,609—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. How many persons in Prince Edward Island took a retraining course in the fiscal year 1970-71?

2. What was the total amount paid in allowances to these persons?

3. What was the administrative cost of this program as it relates to Prince Edward Island?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. In the fiscal year 1970-71, 5,315 persons took training courses in Prince Edward Island under the Canada Manpower Training Program. This includes all full-time and part-time training, as well as persons trained under contracts with employers in industry.

2. The total amount paid in allowances in 1970-71 to those of the 5,315 persons eligible to receive such allowances, was \$2.4 million.

3. \$1.6 million has been paid to the province of Prince Edward Island and to employers in respect of training carried out during 1970-71, including administrative costs.

P.E.I. DEVELOPMENT PLAN—NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED

Question No. 1,611—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. To date, have any new jobs been created through the Prince Edward Island Development Plan and, if so, how many are in (a) agriculture (b) fisheries (c) tourism?

2. When will the evaluation of the Prince Edward Island Development Plan take place and how will the citizens of Prince Edward Island participate?

3. What amount has been spent by the government on the Prince Edward Island Development Plan for staff facilities and training?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Yes, estimated to be approximately in (a) 150 (b) 200 (c) 70.

2. The first evaluation, or general review, of the plan was completed on June 21, 1971, with the signing of Amendment No. 1, which gave effect to the changes in programs and funding arrangements necessary to enhance the plan's effectiveness. Another formal review probably will not be required before 1973. Evaluation is a continuing process without restrictions as to time, as explained in Appendix "A" to the plan. The citizens of Prince Edward Island participate in evaluation as in other aspects of the plan through the Public Participation and Involvement Program, through special arrangements made by the provincial government, and also through the normal process of democracy.

3. Up to March 31, 1971, Federal \$98,278, Provincial \$82,379.

SALE OF GOODS TO PORTUGAL

Question No. 1,612—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

During the past two years, has the government facilitated the sale of goods to Portugal destined for the Cabora Bassa Dam by way of export loans, guarantees and insurance incentives?