

Answer by: Mr. Jorgenson:

1. No.
2. Yes, The Ottawa Valley Driving Club Limited has been granted tentative approval for racing dates subject to the provision of a proper race track with proper parimutuel wagering equipment and facilities and all other pertinent requirements.
3. J. W. Baskin, Paul Hudson, Gordon McDougal, Warren Armstrong, H. J. Paterson, M. Wright, L. Armstrong.

TILLSONBURG DRIVING PARK ASSOCIATION

Question No. 405—Mr. McIlraith:

1. Has the Tillsonburg Driving Park Association Ltd. ever conducted race meetings under the supervision of the Minister of Agriculture; and, if so, where, and on what dates?
2. Has the said association applied since January 1, 1961, for approval of parimutuel betting; and, if so, what disposition has been made of such application?
3. Who are the directors of the association?

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3. Scott Merrill, J. W. Baskin, Warren Armstrong, E. L. H. Burpee, L. Armstrong.

NATHAN LEWIS, R.C.A.F. STATION, TORBAY, NFLD.

Question No. 407—Mr. Regier:

1. Was a Mr. Nathan Lewis employed as a civilian employee at the R.C.A.F. station at Torbay, Newfoundland; and, if so, what were his responsibilities, and for what period or periods was he so employed?
2. Has Mr. Lewis been suspended from his duties; and, if so, for what reason, and on what date?
3. Where, and in what manner, is the suspension to be terminated?
4. Has Mr. Lewis been given a hearing regarding his suspension, and will he be given a hearing before the suspension is terminated?
5. What is regarded as the normal period of keeping a worker under suspension in cases of this kind?

Answer by: Mr. Chambers:

1. Mr. Nathan Lewis was hired on December 5, 1958 as a cleaning service man at R.C.A.F. station Torbay. Mr. Lewis was employed in this position until October 16, 1961.
2. On October 16, 1961, Mr. Lewis was suspended from his duties pending approval of a recommendation from the commanding officer, R.C.A.F. station Torbay, that he be dismissed because of unsatisfactory service, including tardiness, absenteeism, disregard of regulations and instructions, and a complete lack of responsibility and dependability.

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3. Under P.C. 1962-6/463, dated April 5, 1962, Mr. Lewis was dismissed from the government service.
4. Early last year, Mr. Lewis was warned of his shortcomings and placed on probation. When no improvement was forthcoming, Mr. Lewis was advised that he was being placed on suspension pending approval for his dismissal. At that time, he was informed of his right under the civil service regulations to present his side of the case to a senior officer of the department. A hearing by the commanding officer, R.C.A.F. station Torbay, was arranged for November 17, 1961. Mr. Lewis was informed of the hearing by registered mail, but did not appear. In January, 1962, Mr. Lewis came to Ottawa and was interviewed by the R.C.A.F.'s director of civilian personnel.
5. There is no "normal" period of keeping under suspension employees recommended for dismissal, since each case is treated as an individual matter in accordance with all the circumstances surrounding it.

EDMONTON POST OFFICE

Question No. 408—Mr. Matheson:

1. When did the government announce its intention to construct a new Edmonton post office?
2. When was real estate purchased for this purpose?
3. When were architectural plans commissioned?
4. When does the government intend to call for tenders?

Answer by: Mr. Walker:

1. There is no intention to construct a new post office in Edmonton. It is assumed that the reference is to additions and alterations planned for postal terminal A, an existing building. No announcement has been made concerning this project but the information was published in the estimates of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year 1960-1961.
2. The land was expropriated May 13, 1960.
3. April 23, 1959.
4. As soon as plans and specifications are completed.

*REMOVAL OF DYNAMITE BLASTING POWDER FROM STRATEGIC LIST

Question No. 409—Mr. Morion:

When was dynamite blasting powder removed from the list of strategic materials?

Mr. Morris: Dynamite was deleted from the Canadian export control list with the revision of the list under order in council P.C. 1954-1226 of August 18, 1954. This action followed the deletion of dynamite from the international strategic control list.