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## GRAIN BOXCARS ON CN RAIL LINES

Question No. 2,411—**Mr. Malone:**

1. (a) Did grain boxcars No. CN-420234, CN-475620, CN-478854, CN-425876, CN-481247, CN-487524 and CN-484457 arrive in Rosalind, Alberta on April 1, 1981 to be filled with grain (b) were they already filled with grain and, if so (i) at what location were they filled (ii) how many miles did they travel from where they were filled to Rosalind, Alberta where they were expected to be refilled?

2. Are full grain boxcars or grain hopper cars on CN rail lines sent to elevator sidings to receive grain to find they are already fully loaded and, if so (a) how frequently and what is the reason for the error (b) is the cost absorbed by the railway company or by the farmers directly (c) is CNR taking measures to alleviate the problem and, if so, what measures?

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

1. (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
  - (i) Vegreville and Lamont, Alberta.
  - (ii) 1,660 miles.
2. (a) Rarely. In this instance the error was the result of elevator and yard congestion at Vancouver. On March 28, the date the cars were switched, Canadian National had 912 loaded cars of grain in Vancouver terminal; the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool elevator was 97 per cent full; and due to the congestion, the day shift placed the seven cars in an empty storage track at the elevator. The night shift, with instructions to lift all empties, placed the seven cars on a train of empties for return movement and spotting in the field. Once the error was discovered, the cars were returned to Vancouver where they were subsequently unloaded on April 11.
- (b) The cost of the extra transportation was absorbed by Canadian National in this case.
- (c) Canadian National is continually striving for the elimination of this type of error.

## CONTRACT WITH CANADIAN MEDIA CORPORATION

Question No. 2,612—**Mr. Stewart:**

Did the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of National Defence issue a contract in the amount of \$144,000 to Canadian Media Corporation for the acquisition of media time and space and, if so (a) for what purpose (b) what was the total amount of media time and space (c) what was the corporation's commission?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** The Department of Supply and Services awarded two contracts to Canadian Media Corporation, one on behalf of National Health and Welfare and the second one on behalf of the Department of Labour for the acquisition of media time and space.

- (a) (i) for the purchase of media time and space in support of Canada-France agreement on social security advertising program.

- (ii) for the purchase of media time and space in support of the National Plan of Action advertising program.

- (b) (i) \$16,000 for the placement of print advertisements in support of the Canada-France agreement on social security.
- (ii) \$128,000 for the airing of television commercials in support of the National Plan of Action advertising program.
- (c) (i) None.
- (ii) None.

## CONTRACT WITH FIELD AVIATION LTD.

Question No. 2,706—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Was Field Aviation Limited, Toronto granted a contract for \$4,200,000 to repair and overhaul aircraft components and accessories and, if so, which components and in what number?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** Yes. Field Aviation Limited was awarded a contract in the amount of \$4,200,000 to furnish the following services to DND during the period April 1, 1981, to March 31, 1984.

- (a) Preparation of major equipment allotted to Aircraft Maintenance Development Unit (AMDU) Trenton, Ontario, for storage at AMDU or its storage site, Mountainview, in accordance with CFTO C-05-010-009/AM-000.
- (b) Preservation of major equipment for storage.
- (c) Removal of major equipment for storage.
- (d) Removal and/or replacement of aircraft and aero-engine components, parts and assemblies from major equipment in storage.
- (e) Performance of work related to or associated with execution of above tasks as directed by the commanding officer, AMDU. Such work will be, in the main, performed by personnel who are on standby status pending completion of trial flights or awaiting completion of work, rectification of snags, or supply of replacement aircraft parts or components found unserviceable upon removal of aircraft from storage.
- (f) Support to aircraft maintenance as directed by NDHQ, Director of Aerospace Support Engineering.

## CONTAINER TRAIN SERVICE FROM PORT OF HALIFAX

Question No. 2,803—**Mr. Crosby:**

1. Does the Canadian National Railways operate special trains to carry container boxes from the container loading facilities in the port of Halifax to destinations in Montreal and beyond and, if so, what is the size and specifications of the trains?

2. (a) For each year 1978 to 1980, what was the frequency of the service (b) will such frequency be maintained or increased in 1981 and, if not, what is the reason for any decrease?