

Questions

CENTENNIAL TRAIN VISITS

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: 1. Eleven. There is one vacancy at present. 2. (a) Three. (b) Seven.

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation: 1. Ten. 2. (a) Three. (b) Seven.

Polymer Corporation: 1. Nine. 2. (a) One. (b) Eight.

Note: Three of these nine directors speak both English and French.

Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited: 1. Seven. 2. (a) None. (b) Seven.

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Eldorado Aviation Limited: 1. Five. 2. (a) None. (b) Five.

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Cape Breton Development Corporation: 1. Seven. 2. (a) One. (b) Six.

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Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation: 1. Five. 2. (a) Two. (b) Three.

Note: Two of these three directors speak both English and French.

Northern Transportation Company Limited: 1. Six. 2. The mother tongue of all six directors is English. No information is available as to their facilities with the French language.

Export Credits Insurance Corporation: 1. Eight. 2. (a) Four. (b) Four.

Air Canada: 1. Nine. 2. (a) Two. (b) Seven.

Canadian National Railways: 1. Twelve. 2. (a) Four. (b) Eight.

Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation: 1. Seven. 2. (a) Two. (b) Five.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, 1. There are no directors. The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act provides only for a president and two other members. 2. (a) One. (b) Two.

The Seaway International Bridge Corporation: 1. Eight. Four Canadian and four United States citizens. 2. Of the four Canadians, three speak both English and French, and one speaks English only.

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Question No. 593—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Will the centennial train be kept intact for (a) further visits to Canadian communities, and also (b) to undertake promotional tours in the United States?

2. Will one of the centennial caravans be sent to the United Kingdom and Europe for promotional purposes?

3. Is it the government's intention to retain any of the other caravans for continued educational and promotional purposes?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the centennial commission: 1. Serious consideration has been given to the feasibility of maintaining the confederation train for further visits to Canadian communities and promotional tours of the U.S.A., and decision has been made, in view of the heavy cost involved, not to maintain the train for either purpose.

2. No.

3. Yes.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
FREIGHT LOSSES

Question No. 608—Mr. Coates:

1. Has the Minister of Transport received any explanation from the Canadian National Railways for the loss of freight loadings by that company and, if so, what is the nature of such explanation?

2. What are the comparable freight loading figures for the Atlantic provinces by the Canadian National Railways for September and October, 1967, and September and October, 1966?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Yes, the management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: Effective early in the year, there was an unusual and unexpected drop in demand for transportation services prevailing in Canada and the United States. The falloff became more pronounced in September and October. In the nine months from January to September, Canadian National was down about 100,000 carloads of revenue freight compared with the same period in 1966. In October, traffic dropped 12 per cent. Canadian National carried 226,000 carloads in October 1966 which represents a significant drop of 27,000 cars. Other railroads in Canada and the United States have had a similar experience. For example, net income for Class 1 railroads in the United States dropped nearly 30 per cent in the first three months of 1967, 45 per cent in the second three months and 65.7 per cent in the months of July, August and September. In the Atlantic provinces in particular,