

Orders for Returns

to the *Abegweit* in the Prince Edward Island service, handling railway cars, trucks, automobiles and passengers and thus able to assist either the *William Carson* with automobile traffic or the new railway ferry with freight traffic during the respective peak seasons. It is expected that this will be possible by 1967 or 1968.

However, pending the completion of the new railway ferry and the end loading berths at North Sydney and Port aux Basques, the *Patrick Morris* is being converted temporarily into a side-loader and will be used exclusively for freight. There are several reasons for this decision.

(1) It will permit the maximum use of the *William Carson* for automobile and passenger traffic during the summer period.

(2) It will be necessary to use the *Patrick Morris* for freight only to maintain the present freight service pending the availability of a rail car ferry. The use of the *Patrick Morris* for freight will also improve the quality of that service to shippers as well as its operating efficiency and help to reduce the heavy deficits that would otherwise be incurred by having to move all freight traffic in conventional ships, whether C.N. or chartered.

(3) Carriage of large trucks and trailers on the *Patrick Morris* as a side-loader could only be achieved by lengthening the elevators now used to load the *William Carson*. It is not considered feasible to make such alterations for the two to three seasons that the ship will operate in this way.

(4) It is not considered desirable to attempt to offer service to commercial highway carriers before the ability to provide the type of service that would be required, viz.—a scheduled service with adequate capacity for vehicles and suitable accommodations for drivers. In carrying freight the ship will not be tied to any schedule but able to make as frequent trips as the traffic demands. The question of additional capacity for automobiles and trucks is being studied as a separate project.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION BROADCASTING APPLICATIONS

Question No. 13—**Mr. Pugh:**

1. Since January 1963, what are the names, addresses, and dates, of all applications for licenses for community antenna television broadcasting?
2. Which of these have been granted and what were the dates of granting?

[Mr. Cantin.]

3. What are the names, addresses, and dates, of all applications for changes in already existing licenses?

4. What changes have been granted in existing licenses, and what are the dates of each?

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VOTES BY CANADIAN FORCES

Question No. 313—**Mr. Thompson:**

1. How many votes were counted in each of the areas designated by section 5 of "The Canadian Forces Voting Rules"?

2. How many votes were cast for candidates in each of the 265 constituencies, by each area?

3. What were the direct costs of the counting in each of the four areas covering the following item (a) payments for services—e.g., special returning officers, deputy returning officers, scrutineers, clerical assistants, etc. (b) travel and living expenses (c) rent (d) telephone, telegraph and postage (e) any other known direct costs?

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● (2:40 p.m.)

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

INVOLVEMENT OF CANADIANS IN RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE ACTS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, is the Prime Minister in a position to make a report to the House and the country in connection with the allegations of espionage against two members of the U.S.S.R. Embassy staff? Will he say what is going to be done about prosecuting the wrongdoers within our own country who, for illicit gain and greed, would sell out their country? And would the Prime Minister, because of the fact that these individuals are allegedly connected with the public service, name all those in respect of whom wrongdoing has been alleged so that our civil service, which enjoys so high a reputation, will not have any members thereof subject to suspicion or innuendo?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question raised by my right hon. friend has been dealt with in a press release made public, which perhaps ought to be tabled or made an appendix to *Hansard* so the information which has been made available will be on the records of the House.

So far as the two persons who have been expelled are concerned, members of the Soviet embassy staff, they are exempt from criminal prosecution in this country by their status. So far as the others are concerned, they have co-operated with the police in an effective way in bringing this matter to a head, and no action is at this time being taken against them.