

Questions

SALE OF PLUTONIUM TO FRANCE

Question No. 365—**Mr. Harkness:**

1. Was the sale of plutonium to France made at a very substantial reduction from the going price?
2. At what price was the plutonium sold?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. No.

2. \$22.00 per gram.

IMPROVEMENT OF POST OFFICE FACILITIES,
ST. JOHN'S WEST, NFLD.Question No. 367—**Mr. Carter:**

Does the government intend to provide improved post office facilities in St. John's West, Newfoundland and, if so, when will construction commence?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Yes, improvements are planned, but it has not yet been decided how these will be provided.

WORK ON DUNVILLE-ARGENTIA ROAD,
NEWFOUNDLANDQuestion No. 369—**Mr. Carter:**

1. Will the proposed paving of that section of the Argentia Access Road from Dunville to Argentia be completed this year?
2. Does the government intend to upgrade the remaining section from Dunville to the Trans-Canada Highway this fall to permit its use by people travelling to and from Newfoundland on the Argentia-North Sydney Ferry?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. Weather conditions make it unlikely that the proposed paving between Dunville and Argentia will be completed this year.

2. Yes.

CAPITAL PROJECTS, HUMBER-ST. GEORGES-ST.
BARBE DISTRICT, NFLD.Question No. 372—**Mr. Marshall:**

What capital projects will be carried out by the Department of Public Works in the year 1968-69 in the Humber-St. Georges-St. Barbe district, Newfoundland?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Planning is underway for harbour improvements at Corner Brook.

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER DEVCO

Question No. 380—**Mr. Skoberg:**

1. Has the right to bargain collectively been taken away from the employees of the former Cumberland Railway Company, now known as the Cape [Mr. Hellyer.]

Breton Development Corporation (Coal Division) Railroad, by the establishment of the Cape Breton Development Corporation?

2. Are the Collective Agreements between the employees and the former owners to be honoured by Devco, until such time as they are specifically changed or renewed?

3. Will the representatives of all unions involved be consulted before any material changes are instituted in their working agreements or conditions, including a retirement plan?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): 1. No.

2. Yes, with effect from March 31, 1968, the date of the takeover.

3. Yes.

PORTRAYAL OF INDIANS IN SCHOOL
TEXT BOOKSQuestion No. 386—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

What steps have been taken by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to ensure that a more adequate presentation of the role of Indians in Canadian society is available in our school text books?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): In 1968 all teachers in federal schools were invited to comment on the material dealing with the history of the Indian people in school textbooks in current use. The comments received were gathered together in a report which was circulated to the supervisory staff. The ministers of education were informed of the content of the report and were asked to pass this information to officials concerned with curriculum building in each province. Replies received so far indicate a willingness to remedy deficiencies in information on the Indian people. Departmental officials have held consultations with university personnel to promote research and to engage the universities in Indian studies. Several universities are now actively involved in intercultural courses for teachers. The department has prepared a new library catalogue for federal schools in which many books on Indian lore and legend are listed.

*ENTRANCES TO NORTH SIDE OF CENTRE
BLOCKQuestion No. 387—**Mr. Nowlan:**

1. What is the cost to date and what is the total estimated cost of the new pedestrian entrance to the north side of the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings?