

to re-examine the grant formula after eighteen months of operation.

[English]

NAVAL CENTRAL DRAWING OFFICE—CANADIAN
VICKERS LTD.

Question No. 2,125—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Has Canadian Vickers Ltd. assumed responsibility for the operations of the Naval Central Drawing Office and, if so, on what date?

2. How many persons are employed in the NCDO?

3. Is consideration being given by the government to terminate its arrangements with Canadian Vickers Ltd. in Montreal for the operation of the Naval Central Drawing Office and, if so, what future plans are being considered for the function of this Office?

4. Will assurances be given to the more than one hundred people in the employ of this Office that their jobs will continue?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Starting in 1949, Canadian Vickers Limited (CVL) under annual contracts with the Department of Defence Production (now Supply and Services) assumed responsibility for the operation and management of the Naval Central Drawing Office (NCDO). This responsibility ceased in 1969 when CVL established their Marine Services and Systems Division. Personnel employed in the NCDO formed the nucleus of this new Division of CVL, which now performs marine drawing work for both commercial firms and the Department of National Defence (DND). The work for DND is under contract with the Department of Supply and Services. The NCDO does not now exist as a separate entity.

2. Nil. However, as of October 30, 1971, some 67 technical personnel in the Marine Services and Systems Division of CVL are employed on government work.

3. Although the government does not currently have an arrangement with CVL re NCDO for the reason outlined in 1. above, the Department of Supply and Services does have two contracts with the firm to provide drawings and related services for the Department of National Defence. These contracts are to be completed by March 31, 1972. Invitations to tender for the supply of space and hiring of suitably qualified personnel to perform drawing work and related services on behalf of the Department of National Defence, for a two year period commencing April 1, 1972, have been issued to a number of Canadian firms, including CVL. It is not known what plans CVL has for the future operation of the Marine Services and Systems Division of the Company in respect of commercial and/or government business. However, it is understood CVL recently acquired new commercial business and is in the process of rehiring. The firm also indicated it will respond to our tender.

4. Other than as noted above, it is not known what arrangements CVL has with personnel employed in the Marine and Systems Division of the Company in respect of future employment.

POST OFFICE—POSITION OF MANAGER—STAFF
RELATIONS

Question No. 2,135—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. What is the process involved in the selection of a person to fill the position of Manager—Staff Relations in the Post Office Department?

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2. Through what process is it decided whether a candidate will be called for an interview?

3. What is the classification by grade of the officers who select particular candidates for interviews?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. Open competition.

2. A Board of officers is convened to review applications and decide which applicants will be interviewed.

3. The classification and level of officers serving on Boards referred to in (2) depends upon the classification level of the position to be filled.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE—MEAFORD TANK RANGE

Question No. 2,147—**Mr. Noble:**

1. What is the perimeter in miles of the Meaford Tank Range?

2. How many acres of the fringe area of the Tank Range could be used at the present time for recreational purposes?

3. If this area were opened to the public, what would be the perimeter in miles of the remainder of the Range which would have to be fenced to protect the public?

Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Approximately 25 miles.

2. This matter is under investigation now and all that can be said at this time is that there are approximately 25 acres which are considered comparatively safe and these two fringe areas are: A portion of Vail Point, and the Administrative Camp Area and its immediate vicinity.

3. If the two areas in question were cleared and certified safe the following fencing would be required on both sides of the access route plus the area itself; (a) Vail Point—From the junction of the 13th Line and Lower Spring Roads to the beach—4 x 2 — 8 miles, and the area with a perimeter of some 700 to 1,000 yards; (b) Camp Administrative Area—From the Camp entrance to the area along the 9th Line road— $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 — 1 mile, and the area with a perimeter of some 1,000 yards.

POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICE

Question No. 2,148—**Mr. Aiken:**

1. Has the attention of the Minister of the Environment been drawn to the CTV program "W5" concerning the invention of a pollution control device by George Copeland, and his inability to market it?

2. Has his department any knowledge of this invention and have they been asked to evaluate it?

3. If so, what action has the department taken to support the use of this device?

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Individual users will be free to select the systems and devices of their choice to meet the standards for pollution abatement set by the Department of the Environment.