

## Questions

## POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION, ESKASONI, N.S.

## Question No. 2,881—Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):

What are the plans of the government for the construction of a post office building at the Eskasoni Indian reserve, Eskasoni, Nova Scotia?

**Hon. René Tremblay (Postmaster General):**

There are no plans for the construction of a post office building at the Eskasoni Indian reserve. The present post office at Eskasoni, N.S., which is in the category of offices where the postmaster is responsible for the provision of suitable accommodation as a condition of employment, adequately serves the residents of the surrounding area.

## MAIL CONTRACTS WITH C.P.R.

## Question No. 2,882—Mr. Fisher:

1. Has the Post Office Department had a contract with the C.P.R. under which the latter carried mail on trains Nos. 7 and 8; if so, what was the form of the contract, when was it entered into and what were the financial considerations?

2. If not, what moneys did the post office pay to the C.P.R. in the last two fiscal years for mail service on C.P.R. trains Nos. 7 and 8?

**Hon. René Tremblay (Postmaster General):**

1. No, there has been no formal contract. Mails are carried in trains 7 and 8 under terms and conditions outlined in order in council P.C. 1957-31/413 of 28 March 1957 covering transportation of mail by rail.

2. Total moneys paid to the C.P.R. by the Post Office Department for the transportation of mails on C.P.R. trains 7 and 8 between Montreal and Vancouver for the last two fiscal years is as follows: 1962-63, \$3,478,047.29; 1963-64, \$3,409,193.90.

However, the above figures do not include mail service performed in C.P.R. trains 3 and 4 between Toronto and Sudbury, which is an integral part of the train 7 and 8 operation. The total moneys paid for the combined service in C.P.R. trains 3/7 and 4/8 for the two fiscal years is as follows: 1962-63, \$3,802,328.29; 1963-64, \$3,735,017.54.

## REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING UNIVERSAL HEALTH PROGRAM

## Question No. 2,885—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

Has the government received representations from private citizens urging the immediate enactment of legislation to provide a comprehensive, universal health services program and, if so, how many such representations have been received?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** In the past two years the Department of National Health and Welfare received 14

The minister of public welfare for the province of Alberta, who has responsibility for the administration of this agreement at the provincial level, has announced that the problems raised by the Indians in Calgary would be investigated. Officials of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration will do everything in their power to assist the provincial government in this investigation.

## GUARDS AT ARMOURIES

## Question No. 2,876—Mr. Hales:

1. When were orders issued that certain armouries across Canada were to be placed under constant guard?

2. How many armouries were affected and in what provinces were they located?

3. How many guards were employed?

4. What is the cost to the Canadian taxpayer up to March 1, 1965?

5. Why has this order not been withdrawn?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** 1. No general orders were issued that certain armouries "across Canada" were to be placed under constant guard. However, on 21 February, 1964, an order was issued which applied to designated reserve units in the province of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick.

2. 89—Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

3. 149 military personnel and 359 civilian watchmen.

4. In addition to costs of military personnel which were met through normal budgeted defence primaries—\$1,200,000.

5. While the order in so far as the provision of guards is concerned, has not been completely rescinded it has been modified as circumstances permit. Alternate measures have been, and are being, taken to ensure the physical security of armouries generally and this has already resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of personnel employed in guarding these installations.

## INCREASE IN MORTGAGE CEILING UNDER VETERANS LAND ACT

## Question No. 2,880—Mr. Kennedy:

Is the government giving consideration to amending the Veterans' Land Act so as to increase the present ceiling on mortgages in order to compensate for the rise in cost of home construction, due to the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** A review of veterans legislation, including the Veterans Land Act, is being conducted and any proposals for amendments will be brought forward at the appropriate time.