

Questions

MEASLES VACCINE

Question No. 276—Mr. Martin (Essex East):

1. What progress has been made by the Department of National Health and Welfare in the testing of measles vaccine?

2. Has any testing actually been done by the department; and, if not, when will the testing procedures commence?

Answer by: Mr. Monteith (Perth):

1. The virus laboratories of the department's laboratory of hygiene have prepared standard reagents and developed procedures for testing measles vaccines.

2. As mentioned above, the virus laboratories have developed the necessary laboratory testing procedures. However no application has been made by manufacturers of measles vaccines for a licence to distribute such vaccines in Canada and no such vaccines have been submitted to the department for testing. Although preliminary field trials in the United States, Canada and elsewhere have been carried out by various scientific groups and manufacturers, no measles vaccines have been

licensed by any government and no such vaccines are commercially available as yet anywhere.

MINIMUM PAY RATES, FEDERAL CONTRACTS, EDMONTON-RED DEER

Question No. 278—Mr. Herridge:

What are the minimum rates of pay for the following categories of workmen employed on federal government contracts at Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer, Alberta; and when did each minimum rate enter into effect; bricklayers, insulators, millwrights, boilermakers (tanks), boilermakers (field), boilermakers (helpers), ironworkers (erection), ironworkers (rod men), electricians, operating engineers, operating engineers (road builders), labourers, sheetmetal workers, carpenters, plumbers and steam fitters?

Answer by: Mr. Thrasher:

The following is a list of the minimum wage rates, with the effective date indicated in brackets, approved for construction contracts at Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer for those classifications which correspond to the classification titles used by this department:

	Edmonton	Calgary	Red Deer
Bricklayers .....	\$2.90 (Apr. 19/61)	\$2.90 (July 3/61)	\$2.60 (Aug. 1/61)
Electricians .....	2.95 (Apr. 1/61)	2.90 (June 12/61)	2.50 (Aug. 1/61)
Labourers .....	1.90 (May 10/61)	1.90 (May 1/61)	1.40 (Sept. 1/60)
Sheet metal workers ....	2.85 (Oct. 1/60)	2.75 (Oct. 1/61)	2.55 (May 1/61)
Carpenters .....	2.65 (June 29/61)	2.65 (July 6/61)	2.35 (Sept. 15/61)
Plumbers and steamfitters	2.80 (Oct. 1/60)	2.75 (Apr. 1/61)	2.55 (May 1/61)

No rates have been established for millwrights, boilermakers (tank), boilermakers' helpers or operating engineers (road builders). The other classifications in question are not

designated in the same terms in Department of Labour records. The most closely comparable classifications and relevant information therefor are as follows:

	Edmonton	Calgary	Red Deer
Insulation mechanics .....	\$2.30 (July 1/60)	\$2.60 (Apr. 1/61)	\$2.60 (Apr. 1/61)
Boilermakers on construction or erection .....	3.05 (Jan. 1/62)	3.05 (Jan. 1/62)	3.05 (Jan. 1/62)
Structural steel workers ..	2.83 (July 5/60)	2.83 (July 5/60)	2.83 (July 5/60)
Rodmen (reinforcing) ....	2.30 (June 12/61)	2.35 (July 1/61)	2.30 (Oct. 1/61)
Operators (draglines, cranes, shovels, etc.) .....	2.40 (Apr. 1/60)	2.40 (Apr. 1/60)	2.40 (Apr. 1/61)

D.E.W. LINE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Question No. 280—Mr. Herridge:

Are job opportunities available to Canadians on the D.E.W. line; and, if so, do officers of the unemployment insurance commission give information on these job opportunities to applicants on request, and accept applications for them?

Answer by: Mr. Thrasher:

Concerning recruitment of workers for D.E.W. line sites, job opportunities on these operations are available to Canadians and

recruitment of workers is done through the facilities of N.E.S. local offices.

In this respect, however, vacancies are not distributed to all offices when it is known that applicants are available in certain areas. The availability of these applicants is determined from N.E.S. records and from results of previous recruitment.

In regard to vacancies which are in short supply, these are made known to all N.E.S. local offices, and information in respect to