

3. Submissions have been solicited from the National Ports Council, since this body is composed of representative interests, including Harbour Commissions, the Local Port Authorities, National Harbours Board representatives, and officials of provincial governments, as well as officials of certain federal departments. The submissions were received, for the most part, prior to June 1974.

4. The development of a new administrative structure for ports is a complex task. The National Ports Council has the expertise necessary to examine the upcoming proposals, and because of its composition, it is considered to be representative of public and port user interests. It will be the focus for discussion of this issue prior to introduction of legislation. My reference to "greater participation in port-related decisions" refers to a principal characteristic of the new ports structure which we are trying to develop. That is, there would be a greater degree of local autonomy for the ports in future.

ESTABLISHMENT OF RAILWAY PASSENGER SERVICE TO
FREDERICTON

Question No. 504—**Mr. Howie:**

What plans, if any, exist for the establishment of railway passenger service to the capital of the Province of New Brunswick?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): There are no federal plans to establish a railway passenger service to the capital of New Brunswick at this time.

*DATE OF FINAL DECISION ON FACILITIES FOR PORT OF
DARTMOUTH-HALIFAX

Question No. 516—**Mr. Forrestall:**

On what date will the Minister or Department of Transport make an announcement as to a final decision on the expanded container facilities required for the Port of Dartmouth-Halifax?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, no recommendation for expanded container facilities at the port of Halifax has been made to the Minister of Transport by the National Harbours Board. Such a recommendation would be only in response to the demonstrated demand for such facilities, the timing of which has not yet been clearly identified according to forecast traffic projections; and to the financial viability of the project related to revenue from such anticipated cargo.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL—CONTRACTS
AWARDED TO LAPOINTE TRANSPORT LTD.

Question No. 656—**Mr. Grafftey:**

1. What transport contracts have been awarded by the Department of the Solicitor General to Lapointe Transport Ltd., 105 Industriel Blvd., Longueuil, Quebec, since January 1, 1972?

2. What was the amount of the contract in each case?

3. Were public tenders called in each case and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Ministry Secretariat, Canadian Penitentiary Service, National Parole Board and Service: 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

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3. Not applicable.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police: 1. Nine contracts for the movement of household effects.

2. \$639.64; \$1,996.71; \$255.85; \$894.24; \$440.32; \$541.18; \$1,349.30; \$399.21; \$261.20; Total, \$6,777.65.

3. No. The contracts were awarded under the equalization system, whereby all approved moving companies are given an equal dollar share of the business available.

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STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

Question No. 861—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 314, will the specific suggestions made in the study report be communicated to interested parties and particularly to the nurses?

2. Will the 14th floor at Ste. Anne de Bellevue Hospital now be opened and filled with those veterans who have been awaiting admittance?

3. Is the hospital operating at patient capacity and, if not, for what reason?

4. Up to what year is it calculated that this hospital could remain filled to capacity by veterans whose hospital care is the responsibility of the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. Yes.

2. Not at this time.

3. Yes.

4. Probably 1985.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

POST OFFICE RENTAL—LYNDHURST, ONTARIO

Question No. 63—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 48 of the Second Session of the 29th Parliament that the government is paying \$5,500 annual rent for a post office in Lyndhurst, Ontario (a) what is the name and address of the person or persons to whom this rent is paid (b) at what intervals and by what method is payment made (c) if payment is made by cheque, what are all the names and other information endorsed on each cheque that has been cashed since May 1, 1973 (d) what is the exact name, address and capacity of each bank whose stamp or designation appears on each cheque cashed since May 1, 1973?

Return tabled.

PAY DIFFERENTIALS FOR VARIOUS REGIONS

Question No. 292—**Mr. Coates:**

1. How many regions exist under the regional pay set-up and, in those regions, how many zones presently exist?

2. What is the pay differential for employees of similar classification in the zones established in each region of a Man 9, GL and T Group?

3. What is the pay differential for a Man 9, GL and T Group between the various regions of the nation using the highest rate available to a person in that classification in the preferred zone of each region?

4. What was the pay differential for the same classification in 1970-71?