

Questions

Mr. J. A. F. Morin, customs and excise officer 3, died on August 18, 1963, and his position has been filled by the promotion of another employee.

2. Since June 18, 1962, the civil service commission appointed the following employees: Léo Lambert (see above), cleaner (part-time), \$874; J. M. F. Rancourt, customs and excise officer 2 (seasonal), \$3,150; K. P. Flanders, customs and excise officer 2 (seasonal), \$4,230; J. A. C. Lessard, customs and excise officer 3 (transferred), \$5,100.

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* ACTION TO REPLENISH UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Question No. 1,192—Mr. Ricard:

What action does the government intend to take to replenish the unemployment insurance fund, which had a deficit of nearly \$26,000,000 in April, 1964?

Mr. Byrne: This has been taken care of in the supplementary estimates, which provided for the unemployment insurance fund to obtain loans not exceeding \$55 million.

USE OF PESTICIDES IN CANADA

Question No. 1,206—Mr. Orlikow:

Are the pesticides aldrin, dieldrin and endrin, still being used in Canada and, if so, is the government giving consideration to reports that their use has caused the death of millions of fish in the Mississippi river in the United States?

Mr. Lamontagne: Aldrin, dieldrin and endrin insecticides are registered and are being used in Canada on a declining scale. Other

insecticides that have advantages in use are tending to replace them. Information on the Mississippi river incident is carefully assessed, as it becomes available, for any possible implication in relation to Canadian conditions. Consideration is being given on a continuous basis to the effects on fish life of pesticides used on land and in forests.

CRANBERRY PORTAGE, MAN.—ASSISTANCE WITH MUNICIPAL DEBT

Question No. 1,221—Mr. Simpson:

1. Is the government considering financial assistance to the residents of Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, in relation to the very heavy debts with which they have been saddled in the matter of school debentures, which were negotiated in good faith on the continuance of the mid-Canada radar site at that location?

2. If not, will the government ensure that full consideration will be given to this matter at an early date?

Mr. Drury: 1 and 2. The whole question of the future of the mid-Canada radar site is presently being discussed with the Manitoba government. Such discussions, however, do not contemplate any payments.

HIGHWAY PAVING, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY, N.S.

Question No. 1,227—Mr. Armstrong:

1. What contracts have been approved at any time by the federal government in connection with the construction and the paving of highways in Guysborough county, Nova Scotia, under the roads to resources program?

2. In the case of each contract, what has been, or is anticipated to be, the federal contribution?

Mr. Laing: 1 and 2.

Contractor	Amount	Type of work	Miles	Federal contribution paid	Anticipated federal contribution remaining
				\$	\$
Tidewater Construction.....	245,587.00	Grading.....	29.0	122,793.50	Nil
Armco Drainage & Metal Products	8,661.00	Bridge (Howlett).....	—	4,330.50	Nil
Pioneer Construction Co.....	353,319.00	Grading.....	12.0	176,659.50	Nil
		Gravelling.....	12.0		
Municipal Spraying Co.....	449,177.00	Grading.....	29.4	224,588.50	Nil
		Gravel.....	29.4		
		Paving.....	29.4		
Provincial Day Labour.....	31,768.00	Preliminary engineering.	23.0	15,884.00	Nil
McCully & Ray Ltd.....	39,728.00	Bridge (Isaac's Harbour)	—	19,864.00	Nil
Waverley Construction Co.....	360,468.00	Grading.....	9.8	180,234.00	Nil
		Gravel.....	9.8		
Martell's Construction Co.....	367,000.00	Grading.....	13.2	183,500.00	Nil
		Gravel.....	13.2		
Warren Maritimes Ltd.....	271,000.00	Grading.....	15.0	59,217.50	76,282.50
		Paving.....	15.0		
Total.....	2,126,708.00			987,071.50	76,282.50

[Mr. Latulippe.]