

advises as follows: 1. Yes, commenced in July 1969, expected to be completed late 1970.

2. Yes, studies were undertaken on a number of alternative arrangements to expand facilities to the Mackenzie Delta Area, including the use of satellite communications. The plan selected involves the extension of the Company's present radio facilities in the Yukon and will provide the facilities at an earlier date and more economically than any of the other alternatives considered.

BUYERS OF CANADA SAVINGS BONDS

Question No. 156—**Mr. Saltsman:**

For the period 1958 to 1968, what is the breakdown for each issue of Canada Savings Bonds by buyer, i.e., individual, corporation, financial institution, etc.?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Only resident Canadian individuals were eligible to purchase the 1958 Series of Canada Savings Bonds.

For Series 1959 through Centennial and for the Special Replacement Series, dated May 1, 1968, eligibility was broadened to include purchases registered in the name of the estate of a deceased person, or in the name(s) of the legally constituted executor(s) or trustee(s) under the will of a deceased person or in the name of the administrator of the estate of a deceased person. No breakdown of sales by class of buyer is available for these series.

Eligibility was further expanded for the 1967-68 and the 1968-69 Series of Canada Savings Bonds to include corporations, businesses, churches, endowments, trusts, clubs, charities, fraternal and other associations resident in Canada. Corporate purchases amounted to \$40,631,000 out of a total sale of \$1,526,305,000 for the 1967-68 Series and to \$61,874,000 out of a total sale of \$3,366,762,000 for the 1968-69 Series. The amount of Canada Savings Bonds purchased by financial institutions is included with corporate sales and no separate classification is available.

For the 1969-70 Canada Savings Bonds issue presently on sale, the eligibility was modified in such a way that only individuals, estates of deceased persons, trusts established for or on behalf of one or more individuals, religious institutions, charitable organizations and other non-profit making associations might buy Canada Savings Bonds, provided they were bona fide Canadian residents.

Questions

SIDE-VIEW MIRRORS—MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

Question No. 188—**Mr. Mather:**

1. What motor vehicle safety standards have been set for convex side-view mirrors?
2. Is legal action being considered, similar to that announced by the U.S. Government in respect to Fiat motor cars, to enforce safety standards in this area?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The standard in Canada is CGSB No. 97-GP-111: Rearview Mirrors; Passenger Cars and Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles.

2. No legal action can be taken pursuant to the requirements of Standard 97-GP-111 until the requirement is made mandatory by Bill C-137.

RAILWAY CROSSING—SIGNAL DEVICES

Question No. 214—**Mr. Mather:**

1. How many public highway railway grade crossings in Canada have protection devices warning motorists of the approach of a train?
2. How many such crossings have just signs to mark the crossing location?
3. What approximate percentage of the crossings without special warning devices are eliminated or improved annually?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. As of December 31, 1968 there are 5,294 crossings where mechanical protection has been installed or Orders have been issued directing installation of protection.

2. There are 26,186 crossings equipped with only standard or reflectorized crossing signs.

3. Approximately 2 per cent of the unprotected crossings are eliminated or improved annually.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—RESEARCH STUDIES

Question No. 223—**Mr. Peters:**

1. For the fiscal years 1968-69, 1969-70, what specific research studies have been undertaken by the Transportation Policy and Research Branch of the Department of Transport?

2. Who are the individuals involved in these studies, and when is it anticipated that these studies will be completed?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1 and 2. If by specific research studies is meant research studies undertaken by consultants the following studies have been undertaken: