

Questions

4. If so, would it be possible for the town of Fort St. John to make arrangements, financial and technical, with the R.C.A.F. to secure such supply?

Mr. Baker:

1. Charlie Lake, B.C.
- 2, 3 and 4. Yes. A departmental engineering staff is investigating the possibilities of such an arrangement.

OCEAN PROTECTION WORK AT RUSTICO HARBOUR,
P.E.I.**Mr. McLure:**

1. What was the extent of the ocean protection work at Rustico harbour to protect the fishermen's homes and business stands?
2. What was amount paid for such work?
3. Was the work done by contract or by day work?
4. Who was the contractor or foreman?

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. In 1948-49 a portion of the cribwork was raised one foot and additional stone placed.
2. \$2,256.81.
3. Day labour.
4. Andrew Doucette, foreman.

OLEOMARGARINE

Mr. Cardiff:

1. Since the lifting of the restrictions, how many pounds of oleomargarine have been manufactured in Canada?
2. How many pounds were manufactured each month?
3. How many pounds were sold each month?

Mr. Belzile:

In so far as the wartime prices and trade board is concerned:

1. 8,073,837 pounds.
2. January, 1,030,196 pounds; February, 3,353,729 pounds; March 1 to 19, 3,689,912 pounds.
3. January, 969,040 pounds; February, 3,235,996 pounds; March 1 to 19, 3,518,941 pounds.

S.S. "FERROCLAD"—ICEBREAKING FACILITIES
AT PORT BURWELL, ONT.**Mr. Church:**

1. Will an inquiry be made by the wreck commissioner into the disaster to the ship *Ferroclad* off Port Burwell, Lake Erie, and a court of inquiry set up to investigate and report?
2. What icebreakers are available at this point and other modern aids to navigation?

Mr. Chevrier:

1. No inquiry will be made, as there was no wreck, disaster or loss of life, despite newspaper publicity.
2. No icebreakers are available in the locality. Shore lights were in operation at the time of the incident referred to, but floating aids will not be placed in position until ice conditions permit.

GREAT LAKES SHIPPING—AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Mr. Church:

1. Has Canada any system of rewards similar to the ocean and seaboard for the great lakes, so as to compensate and reward the various masters and all the crew of four of the *Ferroclad*, Captain Wm. Macdonald, and also the rescue crews of the tugs *Northland*, *Stuart B.*, and *Vary*, for acts of bravery and heroism unequalled and unsurpassed on the great lakes?

2. If not, will an inquiry be made into (a) present aids to navigation, and (b) recommendations for future modern aids to marine navigation on the chain of great lakes?

Mr. Chevrier: The Department of Transport makes awards for lifesaving to masters, officers and crew members of ships of Canadian registry operating on the great lakes and on the high seas. Awards are governed by the circumstances in which lifesaving and rescue work are performed when vessels are in distress. It would appear that the crew of the *Ferroclad* could not be considered as eligible for awards for lifesaving. Inquiry is being made into the circumstances in which the tugs *Northland*, *Stuart B.*, and *Vary* towed the *Ferroclad* into Port Burwell.

GREAT LAKES SHIPPING—LIFESAVING
EQUIPMENT, ETC.**Mr. Church:**

Will consideration be given to the appointment of a great lakes maritime commission to report on the necessity of organizing modern lifesaving equipment on the lakes, covering icebreakers and lifesaving stations?

Mr. Chevrier: It is not expected that consideration will be given to such an appointment. The Department of Transport maintains light stations, fog alarm plants, buoys, ship-to-shore radio telegraph and telephone stations, etc., for the protection of navigation on the great lakes. Lifesaving stations were previously maintained at points on the great lakes, but they were abolished because of the small volume of service they were called upon to render. Details of the aforesaid facilities maintained by the department were furnished in an answer given last year (see page 2727 of *Hansard*, April 7, 1948).

ATLANTIC COAST SHIPPING—LIFESAVING VESSELS

Mr. Isnor:

1. Are two lifesaving vessels being constructed for use on the Atlantic coast?
2. If so (a) where are they being constructed; (b) by what firms and of what address; (c) what is the estimated cost of each vessel?
3. When completed, where will they be based and to what waters will they be assigned?

Mr. Chevrier:

1 and 2. Lifeboats are not under construction, but tenders have been called for the construction of two new lifeboats for use on the Atlantic coast. Tenders are not yet closed.