

Questions

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes. This subject was formally raised for the first time in the agenda for the seventh session of the facilitation division of the International Civil Aviation Organization held last spring in Montreal. It was related to a proposal for the introduction of card passports as a means of facilitating an expected increase in foreign travel in consequence of the introduction of jumbo jet and supersonic aircraft within the next decade.

Canada contributed one of the four working papers on this proposal discussed at the seventh session. Subsequently, the Secretary General of ICAO invited member countries to nominate representatives to participate in examination of the proposals by a panel of experts. Canada has accepted this invitation. It is proposed that the panel of experts will hold an initial meeting in Montreal during the first quarter of 1969 to plan its examination of various ideas that have been made for an improved international travel document.

If the panel of experts is able to arrive at a solution in due course, ICAO will then consult member governments whether they are able to accept such a recommendation. At that time, the Canadian government will decide whether it wishes to accept the proposed solution as a recommended international practice.

PUBLIC WORKS, LOTBINIÈRE CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 747—**Mr. Fortin:**

In connection with the works undertaken by the Department of Public Works, what works are now in progress in the constituency of Lotbinière?

[Translation]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Works now in progress in the constituency of Lotbinière: Deschaillons: Construction of Post Office building, \$34,700; Laurier: Construction of Post Office building, \$25,005; Manseau: Construction of Post Office building, \$25,358; Rivière Boisclair: Construction of Post Office building, \$26,000; Victoriaville: Installation of dumbwaiter in Post Office, \$6,535.

[English]

LENGTH OF RURAL MAIL ROUTES

Question No. 754—**Mr. Schreyer:**

Of the 2,068 postal delivery rural routes that are in excess of 30 miles in length, what number are (a) 30 to 40 (b) 40 to 50 (c) 50 to 60 (d) over 60 miles in length?

[Mr. Forrestall.]

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): (a) 30 to 40 miles, 1,191 rural routes; (b) 40 to 50 miles, 486 rural routes; (c) 50 to 60 miles, 175 rural routes; (d) over 60 miles, 216 rural routes.

EFFECT ON SALMON OF JORDAN RIVER HYDRO WORKS

Question No. 755—**Mr. Anderson:**

1. Has the Department of Fisheries discussed the possible injurious effect on salmon of the proposed Jordan River Hydro-Electric expansion program with B.C. Hydro?

2. Is it the intention of the company or of the Department to construct a spawning channel to ensure continuation of this salmon run?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries): 1. Yes.

2. Engineering and biological studies are now being carried out and discussions have taken place at the technical level. These studies and discussions will determine the particular action required to ensure continuation of this salmon run.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

Question No. 763—**Mr. Godin:**

Does the trade agreement the Canadian government is about to conclude with Japan provide for the imports of hardware products and, if so, did the government prevail upon the Japanese to buy the steel required to manufacture those products from Canada?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): The agreement recently concluded between Canada and Japan related only to the application of quantitative restraints by the Japanese authorities on certain Japanese exports to Canada. The agreements which govern trade between Canada and Japan, which are the Canada-Japan Trade Agreement of 1954 and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, do not provide for the type of exchange described in the question.

CANADIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION

Question No. 810—**Mr. Caouette:**

Following the meeting of the Federal-Provincial Committee of government officials on the regulation of financial institutions and securities last October 25, what progress is being made toward the establishment of a Canadian Securities Commission?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Further discussions