

Questions

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: The question appears to have reference to an incident which occurred in Ottawa on February 5, 1967 when Canadian National Railway Train No. 133 from Montreal was permitted, by signal, access to Canadian Pacific trackage in preparation for a reverse movement into Ottawa station. Through error, the train crew continued to Navan on the Canadian Pacific trackage. Train No. 133 was 1 hour and 17 minutes late arriving in Ottawa.

GOLD MINES SUBSIDIES

Question No. 827—**Mr. Tétrault:**

1. What amounts of subsidies were paid to gold mines in Canada during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967?

2. What amounts of subsidies were paid for products exported from Canada during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Industry, Trade and Commerce as follows: 1. Payments to the operators in gold mines in Canada under the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act are as follows:

Fiscal years	1965-66	\$14,757,573
" "	1966-67	14,959,891
" "	1967-68	15,199,765

2. Payments to the Canadian Wheat Board in support of the minimum prices for the sales of wheat made by the Canadian Wheat Board are:

Fiscal years	1965-66	Nil
" "	1966-67	Nil
" "	1967-68	\$2,649,236

NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Question No. 830—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many members are there on the National Sports Council?

2. Have any professional recreation people been appointed to the Committee such as Recreational Director and/or Supervisor and, if not, for what reason, and will such people be appointed?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. 33.

2. Yes.

[Mr. Godin.]

OVERSELL ON AIR CANADA FLIGHTS

Question No. 855—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Is it Air Canada's policy to oversell airline passenger accommodation on Air Canada flights between (a) Ottawa/Toronto (b) Toronto/Ottawa (c) Ottawa/Montreal (d) Montreal/Ottawa (e) Toronto/Montreal (f) Montreal/Toronto?

2. Does the government intend to reduce the air fare on flights where there is no competition from other airlines?

3. What is the net revenue earned by Air Canada for passenger service provided between (a) Ottawa/Montreal (b) Ottawa/Toronto (c) Montreal/Ottawa (d) Montreal/Toronto (e) Toronto/Ottawa (f) Toronto/Montreal?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The Management of Air Canada advises as follows: 1. No; the Air Canada reservations system is designed to achieve equalization between demand and capacity well in advance of departure time, and only a breakdown in communications or human error would bring about overbooking at departure time.

3. Air Canada is unable to provide the net revenue earned for passenger service between the city pairs listed, as all flights (with the exception of all-cargo aircraft which does not carry passengers), simultaneously transport passengers, excess baggage, mail, freight and express traffic. It is impossible to segregate the costs of flying aircraft as between the types of traffic carried on board the flights.

Regarding part 2, the government exercises no control over air fares. Regulation of tolls and tariffs is a matter coming under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Transport Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the Aeronautics Act and the National Transportation Act.

TRANSFER OF VETERANS HOSPITALS

Question No. 1,011—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. With what provinces and municipalities has the Department of Veterans Affairs held discussions about turning over its hospitals?

2. Have any hospitals operated by the Department been turned over to provincial, municipal or other non-federal control and, if so, which hospitals and on what terms, since the end of the Second World War?

3. Are any discussions continuing and, if so, involving which hospitals?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. With the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia, and in addition in recent months discussions have taken place with municipal authorities at London, Ontario,