

Order Paper Questions

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PUBLIC WORKS—EXPROPRIATION OF LAND, PICKERING AREA

Question No. 520—Mr. Stackhouse:

Will the Minister of Public Works halt expropriations while the government is reviewing its proposal to erect an airport in the Pickering area?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): In view of the significance of the new Toronto airport project, the Minister of Public Works did not make a decision to proceed either to confirm or abandon the intended expropriation until he and his Cabinet colleagues had given careful consideration to all relevant factors. However, a decision has now been made and announced in the House January 30, 1973.

CONFEDERATION BUILDING ALTERATIONS

Question No. 558—Mr. Latulippe:

Since the top floors of the Confederation building are unoccupied, has the government considered the possibility of converting the space to sleeping quarters for Members of Parliament who would wish to use same?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): No.

CONSTITUENCY OF SAINT-HYACINTHE—RAIN DAMAGE PROGRAM COMPENSATION

Question No. 559—Mr. Wagner:

1. How many farmers in the constituency of Saint-Hyacinthe have applied for the \$400 compensation under the Rain Damage Program?

2. How many applications were rejected, and for what reasons?

Mr. Léopold Corriveau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): 1. 1,094 as of January 24, 1973.

2. 204 as of January 24, 1973; Reasons: Applicants certifying they earned more income from off farm sources in 1971 than from farming operations. Lack of or invalid certifications on applications.

NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION—CAB INDUSTRY

Question No. 576—Mr. Muir:

1. Is the National Capital Commission considering taking some form of regulatory charge of the cab industry, as is being attempted by the Quebec National Assembly?

2. Is the National Capital Commission considering issuing licences to cab drivers and/or companies for use of cabs on the driveways and parkways in the National Capital Region?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): In so far as the National Capital Commission is concerned: 1. No, the National Capital Commission has no jurisdiction over the cab industry except as concerns its use of NCC driveways and parkways.

2. No. National Capital Commission traffic and property regulations were amended December 12, 1972 to allow all taxicabs to travel on NCC driveways and parkways.

[Mr. Reid.]

PORT CREDIT HARBOUR FACILITIES—TERMS OF LEASE CANADA STEAMSHIP LINES

Question No. 582—Mr. Blenkarn:

1. What are the terms of the lease of Port Credit Harbour facilities to Canada Steamship Lines?

2. Does Canada Steamship Lines intend to renew the existing lease on maturity?

3. In the event that Canada Steamship Lines should not continue as the prime tenant in Port Credit, has the government any other tenant for the facilities?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. The Port Credit Harbour facilities are not leased.

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PARLIAMENT HILL—PLUG-IN HEATING FACILITIES

Question No. 589—Mr. Mather:

Is consideration being given to equipping Parliament Hill parking areas with "plug-in" heating facilities?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): No.

POST OFFICE—POSTAL CODE

Question No. 592—Mr. McKenzie:

What is the total cost of the Post Office Department current advertising campaign to publicize and familiarize the public with the new postal code?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): The current budget for advertising the postal code is \$545,000.

TURBO-TRAINS

Question No. 596—Mr. Laprise:

1. Has the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce or any other department contributed financially to the research or construction of turbo-trains for use in passenger service between Montreal and Toronto and, if so, in what amount?

2. Is it intended to contribute further to such research and, if so, in what amount?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. No.

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CANADA COUNCIL—ASSISTANCE RELATING TO HISTORICAL WRITINGS

Question No. 603—Mr. Howard:

Since January 1, 1971, has the Canada Council received any applications for assistance relating to the writing of a history of any part of the Province of British Columbia north of the 52nd parallel of north latitude and, if so, with respect to each such applicant (a) what was the name and address (b) what was the outline of the work proposed to be written (c) what was the name and address of anyone else who was consulted with respect to the proposed work (d) what was the response given by each such consultant and the disposition of the application by the Council?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: It is against Canada Council policy to divulge the names of unsuccessful