

following the study and recommendations of the government appointed Commissioner and, if so, what will be the nature of the tribunal?

2. Will the Indians be given legal assistance in presenting their case and, if so, what will be the nature of this legal assistance?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. The course of action to be followed in this matter will not be decided upon until after the report of the Commissioner has been received.

2. In view of the reply to Part 1, it follows that the question as to legal assistance cannot be answered at this time. It will be noted, however, that it is expected the Commissioner will be authorized to recommend appropriate support to the National Indian Committee on Indian Rights and Treaties, so that it may conduct research on the Indians' behalf concurrently with the Commissioner's inquiry, as indicated in the recent statement on Indian Policy.

FARM CREDIT ACT—LOANS TO INDIANS

Question No. 2,646—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Since the Farm Credit Act was amended to provide loans to Indian people on Reserve lands (a) how many loans have been made and in what amounts (b) what Reservations have received the loans and in what amounts?

2. How many applications for loans are pending and from what Reservations?

3. How many applications for loans have been refused and from what Reservations?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): The Farm Credit Corporation advises as follows: 1. (a) As at July 15, 1969, nineteen loans amounting to \$385,000 had been approved for Indians farming on Reserves; (b) The Indians for whom these loans had been approved resided on the following Reserves: Neskainlith, Sahhalkum, Okanagan, Cookes Ferry, Cowness, Pepeekesis, Muskeg, Mistawasis, Assiniboine, Chitek Lake, Rousseau River, Valley River, Long Plain, Peguis, Lake St. Martin, Tyendinaga. The amount of the loans approved on each Reserve has not been shown because on some Reserves only one farmer applied for the loan. To list the amount of loan to a Reserve in such instances would disclose the amount borrowed by the individual farmer and such information, whether on or off Reserves, is treated as confidential by the Corporation.

2. As at July 15, 1969, a total of six applications were pending from Indians farming

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on the following Reserves: Ashnole, Cumberland, Piapot, Peguis, Lake St. Martin, Fairford.

3. One application had been declined during the same period.

*HIGHWAYS THROUGH NATIONAL PARKS

Question No. 2,647—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Is the government continuing the program of reconstruction and upgrading of major highways through Canada's National Parks?

2. Since 1958, what highway projects have been carried out under the program (a) at what cost (b) and, in what parks?

3. When will reconstruction of No. 10 Highway through Riding Mountain National Park be carried out under this program?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the reply to that question is rather long and I wonder whether the house would agree to having it printed in *Hansard* and taken as read.

Mr. Speaker: Is the house agreed?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Forest: 1. Yes.

2. Projects	Park
Banff Windermere	Banff National Park
Banff Jasper	Banff and Jasper National Parks
Jasper Edmonton	Jasper National Park
Jasper Yellowhead	Jasper National Park
Maligne Lake	Jasper National Park
Chief Mountain	Waterton Lakes National Park
Waskesiu	Prince Albert National Park
Cabot Trail	Cape Breton Highlands National Park
Gulf Shore	P.E.I. National Park
Elk Island	Elk Island National Park
Eastport Road	Terra Nova National Park
David Thompson	Banff National Park

(a) Total cost since 1958—\$60,890,000.

(b) Answered in preceding project listing.

3. Detailed planning for replacement of the Highway will commence in 1970. Construction could start within 3 years.