

Questions

(i) Heath Steele road. Construction of a new road northerly across the Nepisiguit river—a distance of approximately 26 miles, to join with the Bathurst—westerly road.

(j) Miscou island-Shippegan island road. Construction of a causeway bridge and road between Miscou island and Shippegan island—approximately 20 miles.

(k) Lower Escuminac-Kouchibouguac road. Improvement to roads connecting Lower Escuminac, Baie du Vin, Bransfield, Point Sapin and Kouchibouguac—approximately 30 miles.

\*SARNIA INDIAN BAND—DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Question No. 177—Mr. Foy:

1. Has the Sarnia Indian band requested a distribution of the band's \$600,000 arising from the sale of their lands to Dimensional Investments Limited?

2. If so, has any decision been made in this regard, and what is the decision?

3. If no decision has been reached to date, will the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration give immediate consideration to the desirability of making such a distribution in order to alleviate the economic plight of this band?

Mr. McGee:

1. Yes.

2. The terms of the surrender authorizing sale of the land did not permit a favourable decision. The surrender prescribes that \$500,000 be placed in a band trust account for the development of an Indian village and \$100,000 for the acquisition of land on the reserve for members who have no land.

3. A petition of right has since been filed in the Exchequer Court of Canada for the recovery of \$2,500,000, and further consideration of such a distribution must of necessity await the conclusion of these proceedings.

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS, ONTARIO

Question No. 178—Mr. McNulty:

In respect of federal grants toward hospital construction in Ontario:

(1) What is the total value of construction approved under the program?

(2) What is the total of payments made by the federal government in each year from 1957?

(3) Why are federal payments now lagging behind, on average, over five months?

(4) Is there any commitment to reimburse the hospitals for interest incurred by hospitals as a result of the federal delay?

(5) What sum of money is now approved but unpaid?

(6) Has any instruction or advice been given any hospitals that the federal grants are suspended pending the conclusion of the current fiscal year?

Answer by: Mrs. Casselman:

1. As approved federal assistance to the provinces on behalf of projects forwarded under the hospital construction grant by a province represents only a portion of the total

value of the hospital construction under way in a province, this information should be sought directly from the province.

From 1948 to September 30, 1962, approvals of federal assistance on behalf of hospital construction projects submitted by the province of Ontario under the hospital construction grant were over \$75,000,000.

2. The total of payments made to the province of Ontario under the hospital construction grant was—

In 1958-59 .....	\$4,245,447
In 1959-60 .....	6,613,966
In 1960-61 .....	6,998,643
In 1961-62 .....	7,620,395

3. Federal payments to a province under the hospital construction grant are made in response to provincial submissions of claims and the completion of a final audit of appropriate costs. Reimbursements to the province have been made within a few days after the receipt of this information.

4. See answer 3 above. There is no commitment to reimburse a province for any interest charges incurred by a hospital.

5. At the end of September, projects submitted by the province of Ontario requesting future payments under the hospital construction grant, to take place over the next few fiscal years as the construction of individual hospitals is undertaken, involved over \$17,000,000 in federal assistance.

6. As the province of Ontario has already requested and received approval for over \$7,000,000, which represents its share of the total annual allocation of the hospital construction grant, it is now necessary, in approving additional projects for construction, to advise the province that unless reductions can be submitted in other projects it will not be possible to claim on the newest projects until the next fiscal year.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINES

Question No. 180—Mr. Harley:

1. Up to date in 1962, how many cases of poliomyelitis were reported in Canada?

2. In these cases, how many (a) had received no prophylactic measures (b) had received Salk vaccine (c) had received Sabin vaccine?

3. In those cases of poliomyelitis reported after receiving Sabin vaccine (a) what was the time interval between immunization and the onset of symptoms of the disease (b) were these cases considered severe, with paralysis, either temporary or permanent?

Answer by: Mrs. Casselman:

1. In 1962 to October 6, 65 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis have been reported in Canada. This compares to 158 cases and 807 cases for the same period in the years 1961 and 1960 respectively.