

## Questions

Act 1969 the firm of Touche, Ross and Co. was appointed independent auditor for the year 1970. The amount to be paid that firm is under discussion.

## (b) Bank of Canada

	Fees and Expenses
1966	\$ 83,000
1967	\$ 83,000
1968	\$ 85,000
1969	\$104,000
1970	\$105,000

## (c) Industrial Development Bank

	Fees and Expenses
1966	\$18,000
1967	\$18,000
1968	\$18,000
1969	\$20,000
1970	\$20,000

(d) The costs of auditing the accounts of CMHC during the past five years are given in the table following:

Payments for the Year	Total
1965	\$35,559.74
1966	\$47,566.66
1967	\$50,819.01
1968	\$55,144.95
1969	\$62,994.70

(e) For the crop years 1964-65 to 1968-69, inclusive, the annual costs of auditing the accounts of the Canadian Wheat Board were as follows: 1964/65, \$47,200; 1965/66, \$48,500; 1966/67, \$50,000; 1967/68, \$50,700; 1968/69, \$50,000. The accounts for the 1969/70 crop year have not yet been audited.

2. No. On November 29, 1966, the Minister of Finance wrote a letter to the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee in which he stated that he had considered, with his colleagues chiefly concerned, the position with respect to those Crown Corporations that are not audited by the Auditor General and had concluded that the decision, taken after careful deliberation of all the factors involved, that these bodies should be audited by public accountants and not by the Auditor General is the correct one and should not be changed. Please refer to Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Public Accounts Committee dated February 2, 1967, page 1397, Appendix 22 (b) for the full text of this letter. As indicated in the Auditor General of Canada Bill introduced and subsequently withdrawn, it was not proposed to alter the current legislative provision for audit of Crown corporations, as found in subsection 2 of section 77 of the Financial Administration Act.

[Mr. Jerome.]

## WABUSH AIRPORT

## Question No. 746—Mr. Peddle:

1. When will the new ILS equipment be installed at Wabush Airport?
2. What are the plans for construction of a new air terminal at Wabush to replace the present facilities?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. It is planned to instal new ILS equipment at Wabush Airport late in the 1971/72 fiscal year, subject to the availability of funds.

2. The Ministry of Transport has no plans for construction of a new air terminal at Wabush Airport.

## POST OFFICE CLOSURES

## Question No. 839—Mr. Southam:

1. (a) What was the total number of post offices and sub-post offices closed in Canada in 1970 (b) by province, what were the numbers closed in each case?
2. What was the total number of postmasters placed among the ranks of the unemployed due to such closings?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):**

1. (a) and (b)

	Revenue Post Offices	Sub Post Offices
British Columbia	42	2
Alberta	70	6
Saskatchewan	155	5
Manitoba	80	10
Ontario	175	23
Quebec	131	26
New Brunswick	110	2
Nova Scotia	149	2
Prince Edward Island	2	1
Newfoundland	126	—
Total	1,040	77

2. Statistics or records are not maintained on postmasters that would be unemployed as a result of closing their office.

## UNITED STATES DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS

## Question No. 845—Mr. Robinson:

1. How many American draft dodgers and/or deserters have come to Canada?
2. How many of them have been charged with offences under the Criminal Code and/or other statutes?
3. How many convictions have been lodged?
4. Have any of those convicted been deported or is it the intention of the government to have any of them deported?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Manpower and Immigration and the Department of