

BANKRUPTCIES OF INDUSTRIES SUBSIDIZED BY DREE

Question No. 1,590—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

How many industries subsidized by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion went bankrupt in 1970 and 1971?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Six.

[English]

TRANSPORT—PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL ICE-BREAKING VESSELS, P.E.I.

Question No. 1,591—**Mr. MacLean:**

Has the Department of Transport plans for the provision of a new, modern rail-carrying, ice breaking ferry to serve between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick of the general type and capacity of the MV *Abegweit* and (a) if not, what equipment of this nature in addition to the part-time operation of the MV *John Hamilton Gray* is envisaged to supplement the operation of the MV *Abegweit* (b) if so, have these plans been approved by the government and what is the procurement schedule?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): No firm plans are completed. (a) The MV *Abegweit* and MV *Gray* as icebreakers will operate together when this particular requirement is a necessity in this service. (b) See above.

TRANSPORT—P.E.I. SERVICE

Question No. 1,592—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. Which car ferries on the Borden-Cape Tormentine Service are capable of transporting truck trailers loaded on flat cars and, if none, what method is being used to deliver such truck trailers from or to Prince Edward Island?

2. What plans does the Department of Transport have to improve this service?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The following vessels are capable of handling flatcars which may or may not contain trailers: MV *Abegweit* and the MV *John Hamilton Gray*.

2. Up to the present demand for this type of service has been very limited and present capacity is more than adequate for the foreseeable future.

RCMP—NATIVE INDIAN ENROLMENT

Question No. 1,593—**Mr. McIntosh:**

1. How many native Indians are enrolled at present in the RCMP?

2. In the past five years, how many applications for enrolment have been received by the RCMP from native Indians and, of these (a) how many have been accepted for enrolment (b) how many applicants successfully completed the qualifying training course (c) how many have failed the qualifying training course?

3. Have any special efforts been made to encourage native Indians to apply for enlistment in the RCMP?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): 1. Eight.

2. Nine. (a) Four; (b) Four; (c) none.

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3. Since 1970 concentrated and special efforts have been made, and are being continued, across Canada to encourage native Indians to apply for enlistment with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In 1971 recruiting advertisements were placed in *The Saskatchewan Indian*, a newspaper distributed to 123 Indian reservations throughout the province. Also, groups of Indian and Métis are approached through "Career Fairs" hosted by high schools throughout Alberta. Similar recruiting efforts were made in other provinces during the past year.

TRANSPORT—INSTALLATION OF ESCALATORS IN NEW FERRIES

Question No. 1,594—**Mr. MacLean:**

Is it the intention of the Department of Transport to install escalators or elevators in the two new car-ferries operating on the Borden-Cape Tormentine Ferry Service and, if not, what other action is the department taking to reduce or eliminate the necessity of passengers climbing the stairs?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The evaluation of the alternatives to overcome a reported problem of passengers having to climb stairs on the MV *Holiday Island* and MV *Vacationland* is presently with the Department of Supply and Services, Shipbuilding Branch. Meetings are being scheduled to review alternate proposals dealing with the matter.

TRANSPORT—GUARANTEE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE BETWEEN P.E.I. AND NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 1,595—**Mr. MacLean:**

Has the government, the Canadian National Railways and the railway union concerned, formulated an agreement that will guarantee transportation service between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, regardless of strikes and work stoppages involving railway employees and, if not, what action is the government taking to try to obtain such an agreement?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. (a) No. (b) No action is being taken at present by the government to see that such an agreement is incorporated in the various union contracts.

REMOVAL FROM GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE OF SUNKEN IRVING WHALE

Question No. 1,596—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. Will the sunken *Irving Whale* and its cargo be removed from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence and, if so, on what date?

2. What department will be responsible for the elimination of this pollution hazard?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. It is the intention of the Department of Transport to have the *Irving Whale* and its cargo removed from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Proposals are now being requested from a number of salvage companies for its removal on the basis of (a) at the closing of the tourist season in September and (b) in these companies' opinion if the best time of the year for the least risk of pollution during the salvage operation.