

Starred Questions

that is, such wages as are generally accepted as current for competent workmen in the district in which the work is being performed, but shall in all cases be such wages as are fair and reasonable. The contractors are required to pay not less than the fair wages prescribed on this basis and set forth in the schedule of labour conditions applicable to each contract.

2. Eight contract wage schedules were issued between July 10 and November 4, 1958, on this work. With respect to all eight wage schedules, the rates used for three classifications are the collective agreement rates used on government contract work in any part of Saskatchewan. In the absence of collective agreements in the area the wage rates used for the other classifications were established by surveys.

HEATH STEELE MINES LIMITED, NEWCASTLE, N.B.

Question No. 27—Mr. McWilliam:

1. Is the Heath Steele Mines Limited, Newcastle, New Brunswick, making regular payments under the guaranteed minimum annual freight revenue, to the Canadian National Railways or the federal government, during their shut-down period, for the Canadian National Railways branch line from Bartibog, New Brunswick, to the site of the company's mine at Little River, Northumberland county, New Brunswick?

2. What is the total amount of money paid to date under this guarantee?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, when the bill authorizing the branch line in question was before the house, and also the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, in 1956, a general explanation was given to the effect that Heath Steele Mines Limited had agreed to the movement of 450,000 tons of concentrates within the first six-year period of operation, with the stipulation that if there was a deficiency under 75,000 tons of ore in any year, the railway would debit the mining company with the amount of the deficiency, subject to adjustment if in the aggregate 450,000 tons are delivered to the railway over the six-year period.

The settlement for the traffic deficiency for the first year of operation is in progress. I should say, however, that when the bill was before the standing committee in 1956 it was agreed by the committee that all the details of the agreement between the mining company and the railway should not be included in the proceedings, as it was felt that it was not in the interests of the development of the Canadian National Railways to disclose the details of these guaranty agreements.

PROPOSED CAUSEWAY, NEW BRUNSWICK-PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Question No. 28—Mr. McWilliam:

1. Has a survey of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island proposed causeway been undertaken?
2. If so, has enough data been compiled to determine the feasibility of this project?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): The answers to the questions asked by the hon. member for Northumberland-Miramichi are as follows:

1. Yes.
2. No.

VISIT TO YUKON BY LAMBTON WEST MEMBER

Question No. 29—Mr. Robichaud:

1. Was the member for Lambton West authorized to make a visit to the Yukon and Northwest Territories, during the month of September, 1958?

2. If so, on what authority was this visit authorized?

3. Were other members of parliament invited to take part on this trip?

4. What were the names and official capacity of other persons, if any, participating in this trip?

5. What was the total amount of expenses involved and for whom were expenses paid?

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have the answer to this question here, but in view of its length I would request that it be made an order for return.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of questions being starred is in order to get the information required from time to time. I think the house is entitled to have this information.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Will you not get it through an order for return?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): If the hon. member wants it immediately I could ask for the unanimous permission of the house to have it printed in *Hansard*.

Mr. Chevrier: That is quite satisfactory.

Mr. Speaker: Is the minister asking leave of the house for that purpose?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Has the minister the consent of the house to have this answer printed as an appendix to *Hansard* of today?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chevrier: No, Mr. Speaker; I thought the understanding was that it be printed in *Hansard* in the usual way, not as an appendix.

Mr. Speaker: Does the house give unanimous consent to having the answer printed at this point in *Hansard*?