

the government of Alberta and one by the Calgary convention and tourist bureau. These films are distributed through the Canadian government travel film library outlets which are operated by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau in the United States and other countries; (c) circulation in the United States of a colour televisit (2½-minute T.V. film) produced by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau on Elk Island national park. (d) inclusion of a tour of the national parks in its "Visit Canada" programs, under which the bureau sponsors groups of travel writers, journalists, editors, tour operators and AAA travel counsellors on promotional tours of Canada.

4. The Elk Island national park has been under study and a plan of the park is in final stages of production: (a) no proposal has been made to increase the size of the golf course; (b) studies have shown that the beach capacities are adequate to meet demands for the next five to ten years. Research was carried out in 1966 and 1967 to find a feasible answer to a problem from algae. The summer of 1968 has had the best water conditions for many years. (c) there is a Ukrainian pioneer home in the park which is an authentic replica of a Ukrainian thatched cottage, built in 1951 as a tribute to the settlers in the vicinity. The cottage is furnished in the style of the early Ukrainian homes on the prairie and contains typical examples of clothing and utensils either made by the early settlers or brought with them from the Ukraine. A stone monument close by was erected in 1963 to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the arrival of the first Ukrainian settlers in the area. (d) Astotin Lake is stagnant with no inlet or outlet. The feasibility of providing a fresh water inlet is under review. The cost of transporting fresh water from the Saskatchewan river 20 miles away would be extremely high. Deep wells would also be costly, and it is not likely that sufficient water would be available to produce the required inlet flow.

#### POST OFFICE FACILITIES, LAMONT, ALTA.

Question No. 279—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

Has any consideration been given toward upgrading the post office facilities in the Town of Lamont, Alberta and, if so, is there any indication as to when action will be taken?

**Hon. Eric Kierans (Postmaster General):** The Department of Public Works has been

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requested to provide a new post office in Lamont, Alberta during the fiscal year 1969-70.

#### CLOUD SEEDING BY ROYAL AIR CO.

Question No. 287—**Mr. Laprise:**

In accordance with the Air Transport Board decision bearing series number 2463, did the Royal Air Company Ltd. seed clouds in an attempt to induce rainfall during the summer of 1968 and, if so (a) at the request of what company did Royal Air Ltd. provide its services (b) in what region?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: By decision 2463 of the Air Transport Board (now the Canadian Transport Commission) Royalair was licensed to operate an aerial control (cloud seeding) service within Canada utilizing one Lockheed Lodestar aircraft.

The reports of Royal Air to the Air Transport Committee indicate that no cloud seeding was performed in the first seven months of 1968.

#### PRICE CONTROL BOARD FOR FARM MACHINERY

Question No. 299—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

Does the government intend to set up a Price Control Board for farm machinery in order to reduce prices to farmers?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Agriculture as follows: Government measures with respect to farm machinery will be considered following study of the report of the royal commission on farm machinery, receipt of which is expected within a few months.

#### CATCH FAILURE ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN

Question No. 322—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):**

1. Has the Department of Fisheries been studying the matter of legislation that will provide catch failure assistance to fishermen on a national level?
2. What progress has been made in determining such legislation?
3. On what date did the study of such legislation commence?

**Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries):** 1. This complex subject has been investigated since 1966 but no legislation is under consideration.

2 and 3. Answered by above.