

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—INTEREST CHARGES

Question No. 2,545—**Mr. McCain:**

1. What are the estimated fixed charge costs for defrayment of interest charges and amortization of capital costs for the St. Lawrence Seaway for each fiscal year since 1970-17 inclusive?

2. Have these payments been made in accordance with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act and (a) if so, in what manner (b) if not, how does the Seaway Authority intend to meet these obligations and requirements?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority advises as follows: 1. Under the Financial Administration Act the fiscal year of The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority is stated to be the Calendar year. The payment of the following sums would have defrayed interest charges and amortization of capital costs for the Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the Seaway. 1970, \$22,400,000; 1971, \$23,700,000; 1972, \$24,600,000. It is not possible to give comparable figures for the Welland section since the terms and conditions for repayment of indebtedness have not yet been determined.

2. No. (a) The following partial payments were made in respect of the Montreal-Lake Ontario section; 1970, \$11,665,000; 1971, \$12,280,000; 1972, \$8,749,000. (b) the reorganization of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority's finances has been under study by an interdepartmental committee for some months and a report to the government is expected to be submitted by about October 1.

CNR AND CPR—PROFITS AND LOSSES

Question No. 2,549—**Mr. McCain:**

What were the profits or losses of Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railways for each fiscal year 1970-71, 1971-72 and 1972-73 in each of the following regions (a) British Columbia (b) the Prairie Provinces (c) Central Canada (Ontario and Quebec) (d) the Maritimes?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: Neither railway compiles profit or loss statements on a regional basis.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—REJECTION AS A RESULT OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Question No. 2,551—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. Is a person with a past history of mental illness permanently disqualified from enrolment in the Canadian Armed Forces?

2. In disqualifying persons for enrollment in the Armed Forces on the grounds of a past history of mental illness, are distinctions made on grounds of length of illness, type of illness, severity of the disorder, etc. and, if so, what are the criteria applied?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes, the present regulation contained in CFP 154, Article 719, reads as follows: Psychoses, Psychoneuroses, Character Disorders. The causes for rejection for enrolment are: (a) Psychoses: A history of a definite psychotic episode shall preclude enrolment, except in cases of psychosis of brief duration associated with a toxic or infectious process. (b) Psychoneurosis: A history of a psychoneurotic reaction which has required hospitalization, or prolonged care by a physician, or loss of time from

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normal pursuits (i.e., impaired school or work efficiency). (c) Character Disorders: (1) A history of antisocial behaviour, encounters with the law, inadequacy, or marked immaturity. (2) Sexual deviation, chronic alcoholism, and drug addiction.

2. As a rule, the above criteria are strictly adhered to, but in some instances of minor character disorders the rules may be relaxed. An episode of proven psychotic reaction, and in cases of psychoneuroses, where hospitalization, relatively prolonged care by a physician, loss of time at work or school have occurred, rejection is habitual. Cases are considered individually, the medical history is analysed and the Medical Board renders a decision. When the illness or disorder is considered to have been of a minor nature, a candidate may be accepted.

*DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—PAYMENT OF FEES TO MR. DIETRICH BRAND

Question No. 2,560—**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):**

Is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to recognize any government obligation north of 60 degrees, by paying fees and disbursements to Mr. Dietrich Brand, appointed by Mr. Justice William Morrow to act for the Department in current land hearings and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in so far as the Department of Justice is concerned, Mr. Dietrich Brand was appointed by Mr. Justice Morrow as amicus curiae to assist him in the recent caveat hearings. Mr. Brand was not appointed by nor did he represent the Department of Justice or the government of Canada. His fees in connection with this matter are therefore properly chargeable to the administration of justice in the Northwest Territories and their payment by the government of the Northwest Territories has been arranged with Mr. Brand.

SHIPMENT OF HORSES ABROAD

Question No. 2,577—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. For what purposes does Canada permit the shipment of horses abroad?

2. Is it permissible to ship horses for the purposes of slaughter?

3. Is there any follow-up to ensure that animals are employed for the purposes declared at the time of their shipment and, if so, what are the procedures followed?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. Horses for export to Europe are certified to a standard of health which will permit their use for breeding or work purposes.

2. It is not a requirement to have the exporter indicate the purpose of export.

3. In as much as it is not a requirement to have the exporter indicate the purpose of export, there are no follow-up procedures. However, all horses being shipped are examined prior to export by a veterinary officer and must be classed as healthy, fit for travel, and in a condition for work or breeding.