

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General):**  
1. Allan L. MacKinnon.

2. Three tenders received: Allan L. MacKinnon, Whyccomagh, \$3,432; Charles B. McLaughlin, R.R. No. 2, Whyccomagh, \$3,800; Gordon M. MacDonald, Whyccomagh, \$4,500.

**EFFECT OF PESTICIDES ON WILDLIFE—ROLE OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT IN STUDY**

Question No. 2,060—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

What will be the role of the Department of Agriculture in the forthcoming study by the Canadian wildlife service into the effects of pesticides on wildlife?

**Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture):** The Department of Agriculture has no explicit role in the study by the Canadian wildlife service into the effects of pesticides on wildlife. However, the department will keep in close touch with these studies through participation in the work of the interdepartmental committee on pesticides and is prepared to co-operate in any useful way.

**EFFECT OF PESTICIDES ON WILDLIFE—ROLE OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN STUDY**

Question No. 2,061—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

What will be the role of the Department of National Health and Welfare in the forthcoming study by the Canadian wildlife service into the effects of pesticides on wildlife?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** The co-ordination of federal government work on pesticides is in the hands of the interdepartmental committee on pesticides set up by the government and reporting to the Minister of Agriculture. It is presumed the matter will be discussed in that committee.

**FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN LAKE SUPERIOR EXPLOSIONS**

Question No. 2,062—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

1. What is the role of the Canadian government in the series of explosions in lake Superior?

2. What is the cost to the government of these experiments?

**Hon. W. M. Benidickson (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** 1. Dominion observatory seismologists are participating with the U.S. government in the planning, have recorded seismic data at field stations in Canada and are actively engaged in the interpretation of results.

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2. Cost to the Canadian government involved only field expenses of seismic crews: approximately \$3,000 in 1963 and \$2,000 in 1964.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS UNDER INQUIRIES ACT**

Question No. 2,064—**Mr. McIntosh:**

Are commissioners under part I of the Inquiries Act ever appointed except by order in council?

**Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** In any case involving an inquiry under part I of the Inquiries Act where the inquiry is not regulated by any special law, as referred to in section 3 of the said act, an order in council is made authorizing the issue of a commission appointing the commissioner(s).

**GOLD RESERVE, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**

Question No. 2,067—**Mr. Côté (Chicoutimi):**

1. What is the percentage of the gold reserve deposited in the international monetary fund as a guarantee for the paper money or for the bank transfers made by the central banks of the countries that belong and contribute to the international monetary fund?

2. Is this gold deposited in the vaults of the international monetary fund or are gold certificates used instead of real gold?

3. During the past ten years, did Canada have to make certain international payments in gold in connection with its commercial trading?

[Translation]

**Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** 1. Each member of the international monetary fund pays a subscription to the fund, 25 per cent of which is in gold and 75 per cent in the currency of the country. These subscriptions make up a pool of resources which is available to be drawn on by member countries experiencing temporary balance of payments difficulties. The international monetary fund does not issue its own paper and no part of the gold subscription to the fund serves as a guarantee for the paper money or for the bank transfers made by the central banks of the member countries.

2. The gold resources of the international monetary fund are in the form of gold bars and are held for the account of the I.M.F. in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Bank of England, the Banque de France, and the Reserve Bank of India.

3. No.