

## Questions

7 and 8. Yes. During the period August 23, 1963 to April 16, 1964, there were discussions between the Chairman and the Minister as to the effect the temporary withdrawal of authority to expropriate might, if continued an undue length of time, have on completion of the Philemon Wright Parkway.

9. Such instructions were temporary in nature only as indicated in the answers to questions 3 to 6 and applied only to the Province of Quebec.

10. Not applicable.

11. Not applicable.

## RETIREMENT OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

## Question No. 77—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

1. In the last ten years, what has been the average compulsory retirement age for air force officers?

2. In the last ten years, what has been the average period of survival of air force officers after compulsory retirement?

3. In each of the last ten years, what has been the total paid by air force officers under the Defence Services Pension Act and the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act?

4. In each of the last ten years, what has been the total disbursed under these acts to retired air force officers and their widows?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. The compulsory retirement age for officers in the RCAF, by rank, as laid down in Queen's Regulations and Orders, is as follows:

Rank	Flying Non-flying	
	Lists	Lists
Air Marshal	55	55
Air Vice Marshal	55	55
Air Commodore	53	55
Group Captain	51	53
Wing Commander	49	51
Squadron Leader	47	49
Flight Lieutenant	45	47
Flying Officer	45	45

2, 3 and 4. Data is not available to answer these questions.

The last actuarial report on the Canadian forces superannuation account was tabled 9 October, 1962.

## FUNDED ACCOUNT, CANADIAN FORCES SUPERANNUATION ACT

## Question No. 78—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

Does the 1960 Canadian Forces Superannuation Act provide for a funded account and, if so, what has been the balance of the fund at the end of each fiscal year since its establishment?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** The Canadian Forces Superannuation Act replaced part V of the Defence [Mr. Bell (Carleton).]

Services Pension Act and section 3 of the act provides for the continuation of the former permanent services pension account in the consolidated revenue fund under the name of the Canadian forces superannuation account. Section 4 of the act provides for the members contribution to the account. Section 24 of the act provides for interest and government contribution to the account.

The balance of the account at the end of each fiscal year since its establishment was: 31 March 1960, \$1,053,010,906; 31 March 1961, \$1,155,332,721; 31 March 1962, \$1,279,239,154; 31 March 1963, \$1,605,796,692; 31 March 1964, \$1,821,524,902; 31 March 1965, \$2,028,122,460.

## RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION, ELLIOT LAKE-BANCROFT AREAS

## Question No. 79—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

Has the Government of Ontario approached the federal government concerning the radioactive pollution of the Elliot Lake and Bancroft areas and, if so, what requests were made and what action has been taken?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** Yes. A request was received late last year for a meeting of senior officials of the two governments to consider a report on radioactive pollution of the Elliot Lake and Bancroft areas prepared by a special committee of Ontario deputy ministers issued last autumn and to co-ordinate federal and provincial efforts to control radioactive pollution in these areas.

One meeting of senior officers has already been held and discussions are continuing on these subjects.

It should be noted, moreover, that discussions have been going on for the last 18 months between federal and provincial technical officers and with the mines concerned and considerable improvement has already been made in the situation.

## COMBINES INVESTIGATION INTO CEMENT COMPANIES

## Question No. 81—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

Has the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act ever undertaken an investigation of the activities of Canada Cement Co. Ltd., Standard Paving Co. Ltd., or Lake Ontario Cement Co. Ltd., and, if so, was any action taken as a result?

**Hon. Guy Favreau (President of the Privy Council):** The general practice is that no information is given out as to whether a particular inquiry has been or is being pursued with respect to a particular group of companies or individuals unless and until a report is published. However, Standard