

Order Paper Questions

CNR—ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS OF EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,870—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

For each year since 1968, how many employees of CNR have been under the influence of alcohol or drugs while subject to duty or on duty and, of these, how many have been (a) dismissed under Operating Rule "G" (b) reprimanded (c) dismissed, then reinstated because the appeal procedure found in favour of the employee?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: Statistics are available only in respect of employees (train and engine crews, yard crews, train dispatchers and telegraphers) subject to the Uniform Code of Operating Rules, of which Rule "G" is a part.

| | (a) | (b) | (c) |
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| 1968 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 1969 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| 1970 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| 1971 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 1972 | 14 | 2 | 6 |
| 1973 | 19 | 1 | 7 |
| 1974 | 32 | 3 | 8 |

PERSONNEL WHO SPEAK ARABIC

Question No. 1,881—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. How many personnel in (a) the Department of External Affairs (b) the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce (c) Canadian International Development Agency speak Arabic?

2. What efforts are being made to recruit personnel proficient in this language?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of Privy Council): 1 and 2. (a) There are presently six foreign service officers and one clerk who speak Arabic. In addition two officers are presently studying Arabic on a full-time basis each year prior to the annual examinations for the foreign service a recruitment exercise is conducted by all foreign service departments at Canadian universities. Department of External Affairs representatives on these recruitment teams encourage candidates with a facility in foreign languages to apply for the foreign service competition. Only candidates successful in this competition are offered employment as officers in the foreign service. Proficiency in any foreign language (including Arabic) does not guarantee the acceptance of any candidate applying to the foreign service. (b) Whenever it is considered necessary to recruit personnel speaking a specific language to augment the number already on staff, official recruitment procedures are followed. However, the department's continuing language training program assures a supply of persons trained in languages relevant to their duties abroad. In the next fiscal year four foreign service officers will begin training in the Arabic language. (c) Four employees speak Arabic. No efforts are presently being made to recruit personnel proficient in this language.

[Mr. Sharp.]

*CANADIAN OWNERSHIP OF CANADA'S NATURAL RESOURCE INDUSTRY

Question No. 1,911—**Mr. Rynard:**

1. Is it government policy to increase Canadian ownership of Canada's natural resource industry and, if so, in what way does Canada Development Corporation's declared plans for major additional investment in Canada through its marginal 30 per cent interest in Texas Gulf, whereby foreign equity in our resources will always increase at least twice as fast as Canada's own equity meet with this policy?

2. As opposed to direct investment should not this indirect sellout of Canada's natural resource industry by the Canada Development Corporation be examined by the Foreign Investment Review Board?

3. What assurance has the government that capital generated by the sale of Connaught facilities and real estate resources in Canada will not be siphoned off in Canada Development Corporation's investment programme?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Finance and Industry, Trade and Commerce as follows: 1. The government welcomes the project of increased Canadian ownership of Canada's natural resources. The purchase by the Canada Development Corporation of 30 per cent of the shares of Texasgulf has helped to increase the Canadian ownership of that particular company which is one of the major developers of Canada's natural resources. This investment by the CDC will also indirectly increase Canada's equity in any future development undertaken by Texasgulf. Yes, it is government policy that Canadians should have greater participation in the ownership of Canada's natural resources. This is an objective which the government intends to pursue jointly with the provincial governments.

2. The proposed investment is not now reviewable under the Foreign Investment Review Act, and would not likely be reviewable following Second Proclamation of the Act.

3. Should certain Connaught facilities be sold it will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors of Connaught to decide how to use the proceeds of the sale. Furthermore, it is the CDC Board's responsibility to determine its investment program and the means to finance such program.

NEW BRUNSWICK—BREAKWATERS AND WHARFS

Question No. 1,915—**Mr. Howie:**

1. (a) What plans are underway to provide new breakwaters, wharfs and haulouts for New Brunswick fishermen (b) on what date will construction start (c) at what cost?

2. Are any new programmes to provide fishing vessel and gear improvement scheduled for this year or next?

3. Are there plans to implement an income stabilization plan for fishermen to ensure a reasonable average level of earnings?

4. Are there definite plans to ensure that Canadians have exclusive fishing rights within two hundred miles of Canadian shoreline?

Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries): 1. (a) Plans are presently under way to provide two new breakwaters, seven new wharfs, and three haulouts at various locations in New Brunswick. (b) A work schedule for these projects is presently being developed by the Regional Small Craft Harbours Branch Office in Halifax, working in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. These projects are planned to be started and com-