

Questions

3. What was the price paid per ounce by the Canadian Mint for American silver?

4. What was the price paid for silver produced in Canada and shipped to the Royal Canadian Mint?

5. What assistance, if any, has been given by the federal government to aid in the production of silver in Canada?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** 1. The tonnage of silver concentrate exported to the United States in 1962 was 935 tons, which contained 2,803,300 troy ounces of silver. In addition, impure silver bullion containing 668,111 troy ounces of silver and weighing about 25 tons was exported to the United States.

The total amount of unrefined silver exported in 1962 to the United States in all concentrates, including those of lead, copper and zinc as well as of silver, was 6,751,273 troy ounces.

2. \$12,985,072.82.

3. \$1.164364 (average price).

4. \$1.154839.

5. Silver mine producers, in common with other mine producers, are eligible for certain allowances in computing income tax. These include a 3 year tax exempt period for new mines, deferred write-off of preproduction expenses and an allowance for depletion of the ore body.

As was announced on February 1 in the House of Commons, the Royal Canadian Mint reached an agreement with Cobalt Refinery Limited to deliver from 2 to 6 million ounces of silver per year for five years, effective April 1, 1963, at competitive prices to be determined by negotiation every year the agreement is in force. This long term purchase contract provides encouragement for the production of silver in the Cobalt-Gowganda area of Ontario.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, COMPTON-FRONTENAC CONSTITUENCY

**Question No. 1,035—Mr. Latulippe:**

What are the projects included in the public works estimate of \$4,800.00 for the constituency of Compton-Frontenac, where, and by whom will these work projects be carried out, and what are the amounts in each case?

[Translation]

**Mr. Badanai:** Coolshire: Painting the inside of the post office. Tenders will be called in October.

Lac Megantic: Painting the inside of the post office. Contract awarded to Mr. Claude Beaudoin, \$600.

Sawyerville: Paving, post office. Contract awarded to Sabie & Sons, paving contractors, \$250.

Scotstown: Painting the outside of the post office. Contract awarded to Mr. Ronald Stoakes, Bury, \$567.

Scotstown: Repairs to brickwork, post office. Contract awarded to Mr. J. D. Poirier, \$1,467.88.

[Text]

CONSTRUCTION OF GRAIN STORAGE ELEVATORS, BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

**Question No. 1,046—Mr. Crouse:**

Is it the intention of the government to construct grain storage elevators at Bridgewater, Lunenburg county, N.S.?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** No.

PENSION INCREASES UNDER ADJUSTMENT ACT

**Question No. 1,049—Mr. Knowles:**

1. How many persons (retired civil servants or widows, children or orphans thereof) are receiving increases in their pensions under the provisions of the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act?

2. What is the average amount of the increases being received by (a) retired civil servants (b) widows (c) children and (d) orphans?

3. How many of such increases are (a) less than \$6 per month (b) more than \$6 but less than \$10 per month (c) more than \$10 but less than \$20 per month (d) more than \$20 but less than \$30 per month (e) more than \$30 but less than \$40 per month (f) more than \$40 but less than \$50 per month and (g) \$50 a month or more?

4. Of those now receiving such increases, in how many cases do the increases bring the total pension being received to (a) \$50 per month or less (b) \$50.01 to \$100 per month (c) \$100.01 to \$150 per month (d) \$150.01 to \$200 per month (e) \$200.01 to \$250 per month and (f) more than \$250 per month?

5. How many persons whose pensions (a) as retired employees, are \$250 a month or less (b) as widows, are \$125 a month or less (c) as children of employees, are \$25 a month or less and (d) as orphans, are \$50 a month or less; are receiving no increases in their pensions under the provisions of the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act?

6. Are there any persons whose pensions (a) as retired employees, are \$250 per month or more (b) as widows, are \$125 per month or more (c) as children, are \$25 per month or more (d) as orphans, are \$50 per month or more; who are receiving increases in their pensions under the provisions of the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act and, if so, how many in each category?

7. Is consideration being given to amending the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act to provide a higher scale of increases and other improvements?

**Answer:** 1. 10,534.

2. (a) \$18.14; (b) \$10.30; (c) \$.92; (d) \$.57 per month.

3. (a) 2,401; (b) 2,070; (c) 3,659; (d) 1,586; (e) 568; (f) 168; (g) 82.

4. (a) 3,624; (b) 3,930; (c) 2,120; (d) 558; (e) 302; (f) 0.

5. (a) 17,621; (b) 6,078; (c) 2,156; (d) 334.

6. (a) none; (b) none; (c) none; (d) none.

7. The government, after carefully considering this question, has advised representatives of retired civil servants that it will not recommend amendments to the Public Service Pension Adjustment Act at this time.