

Questions

2. Has the government planned any special programs to help upgrade the skills of the women now employed in clerical and secretarial positions in the public service to allow these women to progress to higher level positions?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1 and 2. The Public Service Commission, recognizing the under-representation of women in higher level positions in the Executive and Administrative and Foreign Service Categories of the public service, is considering measures that are expected to improve career opportunities for women in the public service.

[English]

DR. COX AND REPORT ON "ORONSAY"
TYPHOID OUTBREAK

Question No. 1,646—**Mr. Baldwin:**

1. What position did Dr. Kenneth Cox of Vancouver hold within the Department of National Health and Welfare at the time of the typhoid outbreak on the P & O shipping liner *Oronsay*?

2. Since that incident, has Dr. Cox resigned or been demoted from his previous position or been discharged from the Public Service and, if so, what were all the circumstances?

3. Did Dr. Cox inform the Minister and Dr. Cox's superiors that he was prepared to and wished to prepare a report on the *Oronsay* typhoid incident?

4. Did the Department of National Health and Welfare consent to the preparation and publication of such a report by Dr. Cox and, if not, what are the reasons for refusing to allow Dr. Cox either to prepare or publish such a report?

5. Was Dr. Cox first permitted and then refused leave to prepare such a report?

6. Did the Minister or officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare meet or correspond with representatives of the P & O Shipping Line about the publication of a report on the *Oronsay* typhoid incident and, if so, did P & O representatives request the Department not to prepare and publish or allow any person in the employment of the Department to prepare and publish a report on the *Oronsay* typhoid incident?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Acting Medical Officer-in-Charge of the Vancouver Clinic, Medical Services Branch, Department of National Health and Welfare.

2. Dr. Cox has not been demoted or discharged from his position with the Medical Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare, but by letter dated April 11, 1970, he has resigned effective August 17th, 1970.

3. Yes.

[Mr. Broadbent.]

4. Yes. The Department consented to the preparation by Dr. Cox of a report. Dr. Cox has not requested in writing authority for publication. A consolidated report is planned concerning the work in this connection by several branches of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

5. No.

6. Yes. Officers of the Department met and corresponded with representatives of the P & O Shipping Line. No request was received by the Department to refrain from preparing or publishing a report or to restrain any person from preparing or publishing a report.

QUEBEC—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Question No. 1,652—**Mr. Lambert (Belle-chasse):**

1. What was the amount of money spent by the federal government during the fiscal year 1968-69 for technical schools in Quebec?

2. What was the amount of money spent by the federal government during the fiscal years 1968-69 and 1969-70 for vocational training, re-training and adult education in Quebec?

[Translation]

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. The federal government contributed \$54,698,556 towards the constructing and equipping of technical and vocational schools in Quebec during the fiscal year 1968-69.

2. Expenditures in Quebec for occupational training under the Canada Manpower Training Program were: 1968-69, \$66,322,000; 1969-70, \$84,400,000 (Estimated).

[English]

CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES IN BONAVIDA-TRINITY-CONCEPTION CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 1,662—**Mr. Moores:**

1. How many post offices have been closed in the constituency of Bonavista-Trinity-Conception?

2. How many more post offices is it the present intention of the Department to close?

3. How many post offices are there in the constituency of Bonavista-Trinity-Conception?

4. What is the government's policy with respect to reviewing those intended to be closed and re-considering the opening of those already closed?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): 1. Since June 25, 1968, eight.

2. Twenty-two.