

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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ONTARIO-ST. LAWRENCE CANALS EMPLOYMENT

Question No. 5—Mr. Chevrier:

1. How many men were employed on the Ontario-St. Lawrence canals at the opening of the 1958 season of navigation?
2. How many of these were civil servants and how many were not, and how many were (a)

permanent; (b) temporary; (c) casual; (d) prevailing rate?

3. How many men are now employed in each of the above categories?

4. How many men have been dismissed?

5. What attempt has been made to find employment for them elsewhere in (a) the Department of Transport; (b) the St. Lawrence seaway authority; (c) other departments of government?

6. Was a committee established for this purpose? If so, who were the members of this committee, how often did they meet, and what have they done to find employment for these men?

Answer by: Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):

1.	225 plus 100 casuals—total	325	
2.	Civil servants—146	others—179	
	(a) permanent civil servants	— 139	
	(b) temporary civil servants	— 7	
	(c) casuals	— 100	
	(d) prevailing rates (73) and ships' personnel (6)	— 79	
3.	(a) permanent civil servants now employed	— 78	
	(b) temporary civil servants now employed	— nil	
	(c) casuals now employed	— 51	
	(d) prevailing rates (67) and ships' personnel (5) now employed	— 72	
	Total other than casuals	— 150	
4.	None has been dismissed for cause. Disposal as follows:		
	Staff at opening of 1958 season.....	325	
	casuals.....	100	
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	Now employed.....	150	
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	Laid off.....	30	
	About to be.....	10	
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		40	40
	Retired or retiring, resigned, transferred, died.....	35	
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		75	
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	Number of selections by seaway indicated so far.....		105
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			85

5. (a) Operating employees were canvassed early last season and invited to apply for transfer to entry grade positions on other canals in Ontario. Seven employees found physically fit for employment on the Welland canals have already been transferred to that location. (b) Competitions for employment on the new seaway structures have been opened to canal services employees and the authority is now in process of naming the staff selected for employment at Cornwall and Iroquois. The number of selections indicated so far is 105. (c) The civil service commission has established lay-off lists of operating employees. The names of other classified personnel are being furnished to the commission for reassignment if they are not selected by the St. Lawrence seaway authority or transferred to positions within the department. The department will continue its efforts

to have placed in continuing employment as many as possible of the 85 referred to in answer to question 4.

6. No formal committee was established for the purpose of finding employment for canal services employees who would be displaced as a result of completion of the St. Lawrence seaway. However, beginning in 1955 the department has had under constant review the problems associated with the anticipated staff dislocations. There have been frequent group meetings between the department and officers of the authority, the department and members of the civil service commission. The commission has been kept informed of the situation as it has developed and has approved departmental recommendations made from time to time to assist employees in their own endeavours to obtain other employment. For