

Questions

I am not surprised that there are now discussions going on to obtain the consent of the government of Israel to the placing of United Nations emergency forces on both sides of the demarcation line because one side would be Israeli territory.

Mr. Green: Surely the Prime Minister is not comparing Canada with Egypt?

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East): We signed a charter under which there is an express provision that every nation, whether big or small, has the same sovereign rights over its territory.

Mr. Brooks: I think we should point out that Canada has not the Suez canal.

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East): But Canada has a St. Lawrence seaway.

STARRED QUESTIONS

INDIAN ACT REGULATIONS

Question No. 11—**Mr. Barnett:**

1. Are the regulations made under authority of section 69 of the Indian Act published in the 1955 consolidation of statutory orders and regulations?

2. If so, under what heading are these listed in the index?

3. If not, what is the reason for their omission?

4. Have these regulations been amended since section 69 of the act was amended in 1956?

5. If so, in what way?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the first two paragraphs of the question are as follows:

1. Are the regulations made under authority of section 69 of the Indian Act published in the 1955 consolidation of statutory orders and regulations?

2. If so, under what heading are these listed in the index?

The answer to the first question is no, and of course that also answers the second question.

The third question is, "if not"—that is if they are not published in the consolidation of statutory orders and regulations—"what is the reason for their omission?"

The answer is the provisions of subsection 6 of section 9 of order in council 1954, No. 1787, regulation under section 9 of the Regulations Act.

The fourth and fifth questions are:

Have these regulations been amended since section 69 of the act was amended in 1956? If so, in what way?

The answer is as follows: Under the authority of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of section 69 of the Indian Act, which was added to that act in 1956, two minutes of treasury board approved by the governor in council, 1956/9-1575, October 25, and P.C. 1956/1-1831, December 13, 1956, were passed prescribing as a purpose for which loans could be made the purchase of houses by

Indians employed at Pickle Crow gold mine in northern Ontario. Copies of the two minutes of treasury board approved by the governor in council are tabled herewith. No other orders have been passed under this section of the act since the original order establishing the revolving funds regulation, P.C. 1954/39, which was published in the *Canada Gazette* of January 27, 1954.

OLD AGE SECURITY CHEQUES LOST

Question No. 12—**Mr. Knowles:**

1. When an old age security cheque is lost in the mail or fails to reach its addressee for any other reason, what steps are taken to replace such lost or mislaid cheque?

2. How long does a pensioner have to wait before receiving a cheque replacing such lost or mislaid cheque?

3. Has consideration been given to the issuing of a replacement cheque forthwith? If not, will consideration be given thereto?

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance): The answer to No. 1 is that when the department learns that the cheque is lost in the mail it is usually by way of letter from the addressee complaining he has not received the cheque. Thereupon forms are sent to the addressee to fill in for the purpose of establishing ownership. In the meantime, a check is made to see that the cheque has not, in fact, been cashed by someone else. After that is proven then a replacement cheque is sent forward. The department does not think that it would be desirable to issue a replacement cheque immediately on the first complaint having been received of the non-delivery of the monthly cheque because subsequent investigation has shown that nine out of ten cheques about which complaints have been received do turn up after delays in the mail or wrong addresses or the like.

Mr. Knowles: The minister did not answer question No. 2.

Mr. Harris: Well, that depends, Mr. Speaker, on how quickly he complains about the loss of his cheque or non-delivery. It varies usually between 10 days and 30 days. From the time the complaint is received it runs between 20 and 30 days.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Question No. 161—**Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain):**

1. What sections of the trans-Canada highway have been completed in the various provinces, and what is the federal percentage financing in each case?

2. What sections through Ontario are still under construction?

3. Is there a minimum standard for all sections of trans-Canada highway?

4. If so, what is this standard?