

Questions

planned at Carberry under build-to-lease arrangements. Post office accommodation will be included in a new Public Building planned for construction at Minnedosa. Additional accommodation has been requested by the Post Office Department at Hamiota and Neepawa. This is under study. It is not customary to reveal estimated costs before contracts are awarded.

MARQUETTE CONSTITUENCY—PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Question No. 1,376—**Mr. Stewart (Marquette):**

What projects are planned by the Department of Public Works, where will each be located and what is the estimated cost of each for the fiscal year 1970-71 in the constituency of Marquette?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):

Location	Project
Birtle	Post Office, painting and repairs
Rapid City	Post Office, painting
Rivers	Post Office, repairs
Shoal Lake	Public Building, repairs

Upgrading (paving) of the Trans-Canada Highway: From Provincial Trunk Highway No. 4 west of Portage La Prairie to Austin—22 miles. From north of Carberry to Brandon—22 miles.

The Department of Public Works plans to do the following work for other departments which will provide the funds:

Russel, Alterations to R.C.M.P. Detachment Quarters.

Riding Mountain National Park (for Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) Upgrading Survey of Highway 10.

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR LICENCES FROM PATENT COMMISSIONER

Question No. 1,385—**Mr. Saltsman:**

1. What applications have been received under the Revised Patent Act for licences from the Patent Commissioner to manufacture or import and sell patented drugs up to the end of February, 1970?

2. What applications have been approved or refused by the Patent Commissioner?

3. What reasons were given for those drug patent applications that have been rejected?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Up to the end of February 1970 the Commissioner of Patents

has received, under the Revised Patent Act, 62 applications for licences, of which 5 are applications to manufacture and sell patented drugs, and 57 are applications to import and sell patented drugs.

2. The Commissioner has issued to Micro Chemicals Limited of Toronto, Ontario a licence under patents registered in the name of Hoffmann-La Roche Limited to manufacture and sell the drug Diazepam. The Commissioner has issued detailed decisions to grant licences to import and sell drugs on five applications, as follows: (1) To Novopharm Limited of Scarborough, Ontario, a licence under patents registered in the name of Hoffmann-La Roche Limited to import and sell the drug Chlordiazepoxide Hydrochloride. (2) To Frank W. Horner Limited of Montreal, Quebec a licence under patents registered in the name of Hoffmann-La Roche Limited to import and sell the drug Diazepam. (3) To Sterilab Corporation Limited of Rexdale, Ontario a licence under a patent registered in the name of Etablissements Clin-Byla to import and sell the drug Acepromazine Maleate. (4) To Sterilab Corporation Limited of Rexdale, Ontario a licence under a patent registered in the name of Chas. Pfizer & Co. Inc. to import and sell the drug Oxytetracycline Hydrochloride. (5) To Novopharm Limited of Scarborough, Ontario a licence under a patent registered in the name of Chas. Pfizer & Co. Inc. to import and sell the drug Oxytetracycline Hydrochloride.

The Commissioner has so far refrained from issuing these 5 licences because his jurisdiction to grant licences to import and sell patented drugs has been questioned in an action before the Supreme Court of Ontario.

The Commissioner has decided to grant interim licences to the applicants in the first three of the above-listed applications. These interim licences will be issued in the course of the next few days when the applicants have complied with the statutory requirement to file a guarantee bond with the Commissioner.

Processing of all applications is being proceeded with as quickly as possible so that compulsory licences in all appropriate cases will issue automatically when the courts decide the Commissioner's jurisdiction to do so is upheld.

3. The Commissioner has refused to grant to Sterilab Corporation Limited of Rexdale, Ontario, a licence to import and sell the drug Hydrocortisone Sodium Succinate under a