# COMMONS DEBATES

#### Questions

#### MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSONNEL

# Question No. 2,360-Mr. Robinson:

1. Does the Department of Manpower and Immigration have a public relations staff and, if so, how many?

2. What was the total cost of the public relations for the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. The Department of Manpower and Immigration does not employ public relations officers as such. It employs Information Service Officers some of whom perform public relations activities as part of their duties.

2. 1966-67, \$100,496; 1967-68, \$149,156; 1968-69, \$142,912.

### COST OF NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT CROSSING

### Question No. 2,362—Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):

1. Is it considered the construction of the Northumberland Strait Crossing would be more expensive than the continuation of the present ferry system and the maintenance or improvement of present levels of service?

Was this view held by the government in 1965?
If not, what factors have changed the opinion of the government in this regard?

4. What plans are there for the future use of the Causeway approaches already constructed, how much did they cost, have they been completed and, if not, when is it expected they will be completed?

5. Will technical information, engineering studies, models, etc., be made available to the Government of Prince Edward Island with respect to the Northumberland Strait Crossing?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes, on the basis of discounted cash flows to 1968 for a 30-year period.

2. No, in 1965 the estimated cost of the crossing for rail and highway traffic was substantially less than present estimates.

3. Answered in 2.

4. The crossing approaches have cost \$5.5 million. The construction on the Prince Edward Island side will be used to carry traffic to the ferry and will be completed in 1969. The construction in New Brunswick will not be used.

5. Technical information will be made available if requested by the government of Prince Edward Island.

[Mr. McNulty.]

#### USE OF UNEMPLOYED IN AREA DEVELOPMENT

#### Question No. 2,368-Mr. Beaudoin:

1. Is it the governments intention to initiate a policy of using the unemployed for the development of certain areas of Canada?

2. If so, what is such policy?

3. How many unemployed people would the government expect to employ?

4 If this policy is already being carried out, what regions have received benefits from such policy and how many unemployed people have benefitted from such policy?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. and 2. No. However, the Government maintains Canada Manpower Centres throughout Canada which provide general counselling, placement, training, mobility and other employment related services to employed and unemployed workers.

3. and 4. Not applicable.

#### GRANTS TO CANADIAN VICKERS

#### Question No. 2,371-Mr. Skoberg:

For each of the fiscal years 1955-56, 1953-59, 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70, what have been the federal government's financial grants, subsidies or incentives to Canadian Vickers Limited of Montreal regarding the construction of marine vessels?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The following subsidies were paid to Canadian Vickers Limited under the Ship Construction Assistance Regulations and the Ship Construction Subsidy Regulations: 1955-56, Nil; 1958-59, Nil; 1961-62, Nil; 1962-63, \$253,361.71; 1963-64, \$1,099,100.00; 1964-65, \$1,125,467.99; 1965-66, \$2,303,671.96; 1966-67, \$5,258,327.20; 1967-68, \$2,850,537.80; 1968-69, \$532,739.00; 1969-70, Nil; Total, \$13,423,205.66.

### TRADE WITH MAINLAND CHINA

## Question No. 2,373—Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):

1. What amount of import and export trade did Canada have with the Peoples' Republic of China in each of the years from 1958 to 1968?

2. What amount of cultural contact or exchange has Canada had with the Peoples' Republic of China in each of the years from 1958 to 1968?