

Questions

Mr. Diefenbaker: The answers are as follows:

1. No.
2. Inapplicable.
3. It has not been considered appropriate to date. The government is giving consideration to the making of these appointments at a very early date.
4. Three conferences have been held in Ottawa attended by federal ministers and by ministerial and other representatives of the provinces to discuss preparations for the observance of the centennial. The National Centennial Act describes the nature of the organization to be established by the federal government. The conditions governing the making of federal grants for local centennial projects were announced on October 11, 1961.

FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT—
PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS

Question No. 172—Mr. Roxburgh:

1. With respect to the agreements and grants under the terms laid down by the national advisory council on fitness and amateur sport, has the Department of National Health and Welfare details of provincial programs in respect of each agreement?

2. If so, (a) how much money has been spent to date on fitness and amateur sports activities in school playgrounds and recreation and community centres across Canada; and where, and in what centres, has this been spent (b) what has been done, and how much money has been allotted by the provinces on a provincial program for well trained volunteers, leaders, and coaches?

3. If the answer to part 2 is in the negative, is there a provision in such agreements whereby the provinces will provide information upon a request being made by the federal government for particulars of their program?

Answer by: Mrs. Casselman:

1. The planning and organization grants to the provinces were made for the purpose of carrying out surveys, establishing administrative machinery and such other purposes as would assist the provinces in planning and organizing provincial activities in the field of fitness and amateur sport. At the federal-provincial conference held in Ottawa on September 28 and 29 the provincial representatives reported verbally on progress made with this assistance. At the end of the fiscal year formal statements will be obtained from each province with respect to the use made of the grant for this purpose. Some provinces have signed agreements with respect to the second allocation of \$250,000 and are in the process of preparing projects for submission.

2. Details of this nature will be available at the end of the fiscal year after the provinces have submitted all their projects under the agreements referred to in answer 1 above.

[Mr. Mather.]

3. With regard to the planning and organization grant see answer 1 above. With respect to the second grant allocation, the agreements provide for the submission of individual projects. Each project will set out information on the purpose for which funds are being sought.

A. S. WHITELEY—POSITION IN CIVIL SERVICE

Question No. 205—Mr. Knowles:

Has any action been taken by the government to unfreeze or open a suitable position in the civil service to which Mr. A. S. Whiteley could be transferred by the civil service commission if he is retired from the restrictive trade practices commission and, if so, what action?

Answer by: Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):

This question was answered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on Tuesday, October 23, 1962 at page 823 in *Hansard*.

RESTIGOUCHE-MADAWASKA, N.B., TRAIN SERVICE

Question No. 216—Mr. Dube:

Since 1957, have any Canadian National Railway stations been closed, or freight or passenger services discontinued, temporarily or permanently, in Restigouche-Madawaska and, if so, at what place, when, and for how long?

Answer by: Mr. McBain:

The board of transport commissioners advise as follows:

After a public hearing held by a representative of the board on June 25, 1958, the board authorized the removal of the agent and the appointment of a caretaker at Upsalquitch. On February 22, 1962, the board authorized the removal of the caretaker. In this connection, local representatives were interviewed by an official of the board.

Owing to the decline in passenger business, the passenger service on mixed trains between Riviere du Loup and Edmundston was discontinued during 1959.

Following a hearing held in Edmundston on February 9 and 10, 1960, the board granted the application of the Canadian National Railways to abandon the operation of the Connors subdivision between Clairs and Connors, effective not earlier than September 1, 1960, on not less than 30 days prior notice posted for the information of the public in the stations on the line.

Discontinuance of the station agents at Dalhousie and Lac Baker was authorized by the board following meetings held by a representative of the board in both these communities on March 26 and 29, 1962. In the case of Lac Baker the railway company is required to maintain a caretaker in lieu of an agent.

PITT MEADOWS, B.C. LANDING FIELD

Question No. 239—Mr. Laing:

In connection with the light airplane landing field at Pitt Meadows, B.C. (a) what is the contract