

4. Approximately 26 patrol vessels are available and they will be supplemented by air patrols.

IMMIGRANT STATUS OF HAL BANKS

Question No. 974—Mr. Coates:

Does the government intend to cancel the landed immigrant status of Hal C. Banks?

Mr. Badanai: Since Mr. Banks' conviction is under appeal, it would not be appropriate to answer the question at this time.

OTTAWA—SHARE IN COST OF UNDERGROUND WIRING

Question No. 1,000—Mr. Prittie:

1. Has the federal government received a request from the city of Ottawa asking that the government share in the cost of placing overhead wiring underground in the downtown area and, if so, when was this request received?

2. Has any decision yet been made by the federal government?

Mr. Davis: Yes. The previous administration received a letter from the mayor of Ottawa dated December 9, 1961.

2. In a letter dated February 5, 1962, the Minister of Public Works replied to the mayor outlining an arrangement differing from that proposed by the city. The minister's letter stated that the federal government is prepared to concur in the placing of wiring underground where this is the policy of the municipality and where the contribution of the federal government is the same as any other property owner. However, in special cases, placing of wiring underground would be supported for aesthetic or other reasons where there is a clearly identified federal interest—for example, in those areas of Ottawa forming part of the national capital development.

INVITATIONS TO JUSTICE MINISTER, SKEENA CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 1,010—Mr. Howard:

Has the Minister of Justice been invited to attend any function or visit any place in the electoral district of Skeena for 1964, and, if so, with respect to each such invitation, by whom was the invitation given, for what function or purpose, at what time or times, and has it been (a) accepted or (b) declined?

Mr. Favreau: No.

R.C.M.P. BARRACKS CONSTRUCTION, PELLY, SASK.

Question No. 1,038—Mr. Korchinski:

Has the government purchased any land at Pelly, Saskatchewan, with the intention of constructing new R.C.M.P. barracks and, if so, what date was the purchase made, and when does the government intend to proceed with the construction?

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Mr. Favreau: Land was purchased at Pelly, Saskatchewan as a site for construction of R.C.M. Police detachment quarters; the date of purchase being September 15, 1961. No date has yet been set for construction of the detachment quarters and no funds are available in the estimates for 1964-65.

REQUESTS FOR RAILWAY LINE ABANDONMENT, COMPTON-FRONTENAC CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 1,142—Mr. Latulippe:

1. During the past two years, how many requests has the board of transport commissioners received from railway companies operating in Compton-Frontenac (a) for the abandonment of certain lines (b) for the abandonment of certain stations, and how many such requests have been approved and in what areas?

2. Following each decision, how many people were laid off because of the changes made in the railway schedule?

[Translation]

Answer: The Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada advises as follows:

1. (a) None. (b) Three applications were received for authority to retire station buildings. Two of these were approved, one at Birchton, P.Q. and one at Gould, P.Q. Two applications were received for authority to remove station agents and appoint caretakers. These were approved, one at Bury, P.Q. and one at Johnville, P.Q.

2. This information is not on record with the board.

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SALE OF T. MCAVITY LTD., SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Question No. 1,148—Mr. Fairweather:

Was the sale of T. McAvity Limited of Saint John, New Brunswick, to Crane (Canada) Limited the subject of any investigation under the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act and, if so, what was the result of such an investigation?

Mr. Macdonald: The director of investigation and research under the Combines Investigation Act scrutinizes all significant mergers to determine whether the situation warrants formal inquiry under the act. The general practice, however, is that no information is given out as to whether a particular inquiry is being pursued with respect to particular companies or individuals unless and until a report is published.

*NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM

Question No. 1,154—Mr. Winkler:

Has the physical fitness and amateur sports council been requested by the Canadian hockey association to assist in the establishment of a Canadian hockey team and, if so, (a) will this hockey team be for the purpose of international competition (b) will it be located in Ottawa?