

## Questions

## ACCESS ROAD TO FORT RODD PARK

## Question No. 330—Mr. Anderson:

1. What was the total cost of the new access road from the Island Highway near Colwood, B.C. to Fort Rodd National Historic Park?

2. Who were the contractors engaged to build the road and what was each contractor paid?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** 1. The contract for the new access road was included with the construction of a parking lot for visitors to Fort Rodd Hill national historic park.

2. Wakeman and Trimble Contractors Ltd. Payment certificates totalling \$152,587.98 are presently being processed.

## INFORMATION SERVICES DIRECTOR, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

## Question No. 333—Mr. McCleave:

1. Who is the Director of Information Services for the Department of Forestry and Rural Development?

2. What are his qualifications and what is his salary?

3. Was he appointed as the result of a Public Service Commission competition and if not (a) for what reasons (b) in what manner?

4. Does he hold shares in any public relations or advertising companies?

5. How many employees does he supervise?

**Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** 1. Pierre A. Forget.

2. Mr. Forget has had 19 years' experience in the information field, including 15 years with the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and was director of information services division of the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition. His present salary is \$17,236.

3. Yes. P.S.C. Competition 67-310.

4. No.

5. 28.

## PILOTAGE COMMISSION LEGAL ASSISTANCE

## Question No. 339—Mr. McCleave:

1. What legal fees have been paid by the Royal Commission on Pilotage to its counsel since November 1, 1962?

2. What individuals outside government employ were retained as counsel and what were their fees and expenses?

3. Has the counsel work been completed?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** I am informed by the [Mr. Whelan.]

royal commission on pilotage as follows: 1. The legal fees paid by the royal commission on pilotage to its counsel for the period November 1, 1962 to August 31, 1968 total \$72,250.

2. Mr. Maurice Jacques of Quebec city was the only person outside government employ whose services were retained as counsel for the commission. The total fees paid to him were as stated in 1 above, while the travelling expenses paid to him during the same period total \$16,006.08, approximately half of which is for transportation.

3. Subject to occasional verification of draft texts for the final report of the commission, counsel work may be considered completed.

## STUDY OF HEARING AIDS

## Question No. 341—Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):

1. Is the government now conducting a study concerning hearing aids?

2. If so (a) when will it be made available (b) when will the report be made available to the public?

3. If not, will the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs initiate such a study this Session?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. Yes. The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs decided last year to proceed with a research inquiry into hearing aids.

2. (a) Early in 1969. (b) Under section 6(2) of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Act the minister may undertake research into matters to which the powers, duties and functions of the minister extend and publish so much of the results of any such research as he deems appropriate and in the public interest. It is not the intention to make public the internal report but consideration will be given to publishing the recommendations.

3. Not applicable.

## REVIVAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH OBSERVATORY PROJECT

## Question No. 344—Mr. Anderson:

Has the government entered into negotiations with a number of Western Canadian university scientists on the possibility of reviving the Queen Elizabeth II Observatory project?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No.