Order Paper Questions

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR TORONTO WATERFRONT

Question No. 281-Mr. Atkey:

Has the government exercised its option to purchase for \$9.7 million the 14 acres of land from a New York company for the proposed park on the Toronto waterfront and, if so, under which departmental estimates were such funds committed?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Work): Yes, funds were committed from Department of Public Works estimates.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ISLANDS

Question No. 419-Mr. Cossitt:

- 1. What islands or parts of islands are owned by the government in that area of the St. Lawrence River between Brockville, Ontario and Kingston, Ontario?
- 2. Will the government be enlarging, improving or repairing any of the dock facilities during 1973 in that area and, if so, in what places?
- Mr. John. M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Public Works as follows: 1. St. Lawrence Islands National Park consists of a small mainland headquarters property at Mallorytown Landing, part of Grenadier Island, 16 islands, and about 80 rocky islets. The names of the 16 islands are: Cedar, Thwartway, Pitcairn, Gordon, Aubrey, Mulcaster, Mermaid, Georgina, Beau Rivage, Constance, McDonald, Squaw, Camelot, Adelaide, Endymion, Stovin.
- 2. During the 1973 season, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development plans to construct a wharf at Thwartway Island and 20 floating docks at various islands. Additional wharves will be replaced at several locations where needed. At present there are no plans for enlarging, improving or repairing any of the public dock facilities which come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works during 1973 in this area.

RELOCATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS

Question No. 425-Mr. Woolliams:

How many agreements are in effect between the necessary parties (the municipalities, the provinces, and the federal government) according to our constitution and by agreements that will result in the moving or relocation of railway tracks in any city in Canada in the year 1973?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): None.

HOUSING STARTS AND COSTS

Question No. 427-Mr. Woolliams:

- 1. How many of the 233,000 housing units, that were started in 1972, were single dwelling units and how many were units in an apartment block?
- 2. What was the cheapest, in dollars, single housing unit (three bedroom) that was financed by CMHC in the following cities of Canada (a) Vancouver (b) Calgary (c) Edmonton (d) Winnipeg (e) Toronto (f) Montreal?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): 1. The distribution of housing starts in 1972, by type, was as follows:

[Mr. Allmand.]

House Type	Dwelling Units
Single-Detached	115,570
Semi-Detached and Duplex	13,649
Row	16,980
Apartment and other	103,715
Total starts	249,914

2. The lowest cost, three-bedroom, single housing unit financed by CMHC in 1972 was: (a) \$13,000 in Vancouver; (c) \$17,470 in Edmonton; (d) \$19,600 in Winnipeg; (f) \$12,000 in Montreal; CMHC did not finance three-bedroom single housing units in (b) Calgary; (e) Toronto.

CONDITIONAL AND ABSOLUTE DISCHARGES

Question No. 446-Mr. Hueglin:

- 1. How many instances have there been where conditional or absolute discharges have been granted since this became law?
- 2. What are the different offences for which they have been granted?
- 3. How many instances have been granted for each of the offences listed in Part 2?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that the information requested is not yet available.

NATIONAL DEBT

Question No. 491-Mr. Beaudoin:

What was the National Debt on April 30, 1970?

[Translation]

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Since the Public Accounts of Canada are based on a fiscal year ending on March 31 of each year, it is not possible to derive the National Debt at points in time other than March 31 of each year. When the National Debt is defined as the total of liabilities as recorded on the statement of assets and liabilities, the level at March 31, 1970, was \$38,150 million. On the other hand, when the National Debt is defined as the excess of gross liabilities over net recorded assets (i.e., when it is defined to represent the cumulative budgetary deficit since Confederation), the level at March 31, 1970, was \$16,943 million.

[English]

CBC—PURCHASE OF AM TRANSMITTERS FROM CONTINENTAL ELECTRONICS, DALLAS, TEXAS

Question No. 515—Mr. Gillies:

- 1. What was the cost of the 50 kilowatt AM transmitters purchased by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation from Continental Electronics, Dallas, Texas, in 1972?
- 2. Was this contract tendered for and, if so, what were the names and bids of the other firms concerned?
- 3. What is the policy of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation towards Canadian content in the purchasing of wireless electrical equipment?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. Including duty and federal sales tax, the bid received from Continental Electronics, Dallas, Texas, in