

## Questions

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—FREE PASSES TO  
CLERGYMEN

Mr. EVANS:

1. How many clergymen ride on free passes on the Canadian National Railways?
2. To what churches or denominations do they belong?

Mr. DUNNING:

1. Sixty-five.
2. Thirty-four of these sixty-five clergymen are of Protestant faith, and thirty-one of Roman Catholic.

## GOVERNMENT VESSELS—VISITORS

Mr. ARTHURS:

1. Are officials or officers in charge of vessels owned or operated by the Department of Public Works or any other department of the government service, allowed to invite visitors or friends to take trips on such vessels?
2. If so, who may be invited and what is the charge per diem?
3. If allowed, does the government or any department of the government assume any responsibility in case of accident?
4. What invitations, if any, have been issued during the year 1928?

Mr. RINFRET:

National Revenue Department:

1. No.
- 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.
4. None.

Marine Department:

1. No.
2. The contract for feeding the crews permits a charge of \$1.20 per diem for passengers.
3. No.
4. The department is not aware of any invitations having been issued.

Fisheries Department:

Officials of the department or officers in charge of vessels owned or operated by this department are not permitted to issue invitations to friends or visitors to take trips on such vessels.

National Defence Department, Naval Service:

1. Only with the consent of the department.
2. Persons approved by the department, at the charge of the officer inviting such persons.
3. No.
4. Admiral Sir Charles E. Kingsmill, late Director of the naval service, with the consent of the chief of the naval staff, on board H.M.C.S. Vancouver.

Militia Service:

1. No. Civilians may be permitted to travel on regular duty trips in harbours, if in possession of a "pass" signed by the district supply and transport officer, or by his representative.
2. Nil. As in (1) above.
3. Individuals travel at their own risk.
4. Nil.

Public Works Department:

1. No.
- 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.
4. No information in the department.

Department of Railways and Canals:

Officials or officers in charge of vessels owned and operated by the department are not allowed to invite visitors or friends to take trips on such vessels.

## CIVIL SERVICE—MINIMUM SALARY

Mr. STEVENS:

1. Has the Department of Labour fixed the sum of \$85 per month as the minimum amount necessary for the bare necessities of food, house rent, fuel and light for the average Canadian family?
2. If so, what additional amount is estimated as reasonable to provide for clothing, medical attendance, insurance, education and recreation or amusement?
3. How many employees of the Customs Department, Post Office Department, Interior Department or Public Works Department in the cities of Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver receive \$65 per month? How many receive between \$65 and \$75? And how many between \$75 and \$85 per month?
4. Has the government received requests from organized bodies of the civil service to fix through the Civil Service Act a minimum salary of \$100 per month for employees of the government?
5. If so, when will the government be prepared to make an official statement on the matter?

Mr. RINFRET:

1. No. The weekly family budget published monthly in the Labour Gazette, February issue, page 237, shows the cost of certain staple foods, fuel and light and rent in January, 1929 (\$21.55), as compared with the cost at certain previous dates. A footnote states that the budget is intended to show the changes in the cost of the items included, not to show the minimum cost for an average family; another footnote states that an allowance for the cost of clothing and sundries would increase the figures by about fifty per cent.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. Customs department: