

Questions

beginning of December 1965, an increase of 87.7 per cent.

6. The percentage increase in the average allowance per family as between December 1945 and December 1965 is 11.5 per cent. The percentage increase in the average allowance per child as between December 1945 and December 1965 is 9.4 per cent.

OFFICE STAFF, MINES MINISTER

Question 353—**Mr. Coates:**

1. When the present Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys took office, who were the members of the staff of the minister's office?

2. Were any of such staff removed and for what reasons in each case?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys: 1. When the present Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys took office, the following were the members of the staff of Hon. J. Watson MacNaught: Mr. J. P. MacInnis, Executive assistant; Mr. O. J. Troy, Special assistant; Mrs. Regan Copp, Private secretary; Mrs. Marcelle Mihm, Assistant private secretary; Miss M. A. Giroux, Assistant private secretary; Mr. A. Sonier, Principal clerk; Mrs. Madeleine Logan, Clerk 4; Mrs. E. T. Larmour, Typist 3.

2. Section 71 of the Civil Service Act reads as follows:

"71 (2)—A person who is employed in the office of the minister ceases to be employed when the person holding the position of such minister ceases to hold that position." In effect, therefore, none of the staff referred to above were removed by the minister—their employment had terminated with the departure of the previous minister.

Here is the present position of individuals previously on the staff of Hon. J. Watson MacNaught:

Mr. J. P. MacInnis, No information. Mr. O. J. Troy, Temporarily employed as special assistant to the minister. Mrs. Regan Copp, With the office of Hon. R. Winters. Mrs. Marcelle Mihm, Retained as associate private secretary to the minister. Miss M. A. Giroux, Working elsewhere in the minister's department. Mrs. M. Logan, Retained as clerk in minister's office. Mrs. E. T. Larmour, Working elsewhere in minister's department. Mr. E. Sonier, No information.

POST OFFICE BUILDING, IONA, N.S.

Question No. 369—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

1. What are the plans of the government for the construction of a new post office building at Iona, Nova Scotia?

[Miss LaMarsh.]

2. Will it be constructed during the present winter works program and, if so, how soon will the construction commence?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): 1 and 2. The post office at Iona, N.S., is in the category of offices where the postmaster is normally responsible for the provision of suitable accommodation as a condition of employment. There are no plans for the construction of a post office building as this location is not in an area designated by the Department of Labour as one of high winter unemployment.

USE OF STILBESTROL

Question No. 371—**Mr. Rynard:**

1. What are the regulations on the feeding of stilbestrol to animals that are for human consumption?

2. Is there any licensing arrangement to firms who feed it?

3. Are the carcasses so marked?

4. Are there any suspected ill-effects from the consumption of meat from animals that were fed stilbestrol?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Agriculture and National Health and Welfare as follows: In so far as Department of Agriculture is concerned:

1. Feeds containing diethylstilbestrol are regulated under the Feeds Act. Such feeds, in order to be registered for sale, may contain only an amount of diethylstilbestrol that when fed according to label directions, will result a daily intake of 10 milligrams per head in the case of beef animals and 2 milligrams per head in the case of lambs. Labels must carry warnings that the feed must not be given within 48 hours of slaughter and that swine should not be allowed to follow medicated animals because of diethylstilbestrol in the droppings. Warnings not to feed to breeding stock or milking cows are also required on the labels. Before registration is granted the manufacturer must establish his proficiency to manufacture the feed with the prescribed diethylstilbestrol concentration. No other feed may contain diethylstilbestrol.

2. No.

3. No.

4. No. Meat from animals fed diethylstilbestrol in the prescribed manner will not contain the drug at detectable levels.

In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned:

1. The premises containing stilbestrol used in preparing cattle feeds are classified as