

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

FISHERIES—EXPERIMENT AT POWNAL, P.E.I.

Question No. 565—Mr. Matheson:

What information is available thus far from the experiment which the Department of Fisheries is carrying out at Pownal, Queens, Prince Edward Island?

Answer by: Mr. MacNaught, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Fisheries:

The purpose of the experiment is to determine whether quahaugs (hard shelled clams) taken from contaminated areas will cleanse themselves when transferred to suitable cleansing areas. Pownal bay is one of the areas found suitable for cleansing purposes, and preliminary experiments have given evidence of effective cleansing to such an extent that transfers on a semi-commercial scale for further testing are planned for the immediate future.

POST OFFICE, SAINT QUENTIN, N.B.

Question No. 572—Mr. Van Horne:

What action, if any, is being taken to build a post office in Saint Quentin, New Brunswick?

Answer by: Mr. Bourget, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Public Works:

No action is being taken regarding a new public building. The department is endeavouring to secure alternative accommodation on a leasehold basis.

Questions

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY, NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 573—Mr. Van Horne:

What action is being taken to implement the building of the trans-Canada highway in New Brunswick?

Answer by: Mr. Bourget, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Public Works:

The construction of the trans-Canada highway in New Brunswick is the responsibility of the government of New Brunswick. In an effort to assist and encourage the construction of a trans-Canada highway across Canada, parliament enacted the Trans-Canada Highway Act with effect from December 10, 1949. Under this legislation the federal government undertook to pay half the cost of constructing a highway to the approved standard. On May 27, 1950, the government of New Brunswick signed an agreement under the legislation to complete the road across New Brunswick from Aulac to the Quebec-New Brunswick border north of Edmundston with a spur road to Tormentine.

When it became evident that New Brunswick and other provinces would not complete their undertaking within the agreed period, the federal government recommended to parliament that it be authorized to encourage action designed to close the existing gaps by enabling it to pay 90 per cent of the cost of constructing 10 per cent of the mileage in each province. This legislation was given royal assent on June 7, 1956, and New Brunswick has entered into a new agreement with the federal government thereunder.

To July 21, 1956, the federal government has paid \$4,075,814.04 to the government of New Brunswick for work it has completed. The implementation of the building of the trans-Canada highway in New Brunswick, however, is, under the agreement, a matter for the government of New Brunswick.