

Questions

[English]

SHUSWAP RIVER DAM

Question No. 300—**Mr. Noble:**

Has the government given any consideration toward the construction of a dam on the Shuswap River as requested by the Salmon Arm Municipal Ratepayers Association when they appeared before the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The Department of Fisheries and Forestry has concluded a study of the ramifications of the proposal on the fishery resource and recommends against the construction of a dam on the Shuswap River in the interests of preserving this valuable resource.

POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Question No. 327—**Mr. Coates:**

1. How many post offices have been closed by the Post Office Department since June 25, 1968?
2. What is the breakdown of closures by province and by constituency within each province?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): 1. 687.

2. (a) Newfoundland, 35; Nova Scotia, 79; Prince Edward Island, 25; New Brunswick, 59; Quebec, 123; Ontario, 145; Manitoba, 46; Saskatchewan, 73; Alberta, 75; British Columbia, 23; Northwest Territories, 2 and the Yukon, 2. (b) Existing statistical records do not include this information. It could only be obtained through an examination of hundreds of files, with consequent excessive cost.

TELEVISION RECEPTION FROM CKBI-TV

Question No. 354—**Mr. Thomson:**

1. Has the Canadian Radio and Television Commission received representations from the North Battleford Chamber of Commerce outlining dissatisfaction with the television reception that the Battlefords receive from CKIB-TV?
2. What action is proposed by the CRTC to deal with these representations?
3. Is the CRTC giving favourable consideration to allowing the Battlefords to receive reception from other channels?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Steps have been taken to enquire into the causes of the dissatisfaction with television reception.

3. The CRTC is actively studying the extension of service in all parts of Canada.

[Mr. Munro.]

EXPLORATORY WELLS, MELVILLE ISLAND

Question No. 355—**Mr. Thomson:**

1. How many exploratory wells have been abandoned on Melville Island by Panarctic Oils Limited due to no commercial oil or gas discoveries?
2. At what level were each of these wells abandoned?
3. What was the total estimated financial expenditure in the drilling of these wells?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Two.

2. Panarctic Marie Bay D-02 abandoned on 24-9-69 at 4,175'. Panarctic Sandy Point L-46 abandoned on 2-8-69 at 6,895'.

3. Estimated drilling costs are as follows: Marie Bay D-02, \$450,000; Sandy Point L-46, \$750,000—Total \$1,200,000.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

Question No. 368—**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):**

1. In view of the proposal to reduce the strength of the Yukon aircraft from 12 to 4, what aircraft is to be used as a long-range transport for both personnel and equipment for Mobile Command and Transport Command?
2. What is proposed to be done with the 8 Yukon aircraft which are to be phased out of active service?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. In addition to the Yukon aircraft there are 23 Hercules which have the capability of carrying out long range transport for both personnel and equipment. Studies are continuing as to a replacement for the Yukon.

2. No decision has been taken yet regarding disposal of the Yukon aircraft being phased out in 1972.

INDIAN BAND FUNDS

Question No. 372—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. What amount of money is in Indian Band Funds as Capital Account?
2. What interest rate is paid to Indian Bands on this money and, if the interest rate varies, how much is covered and what interest rates?
3. What interest rate is currently applicable to Canada Savings Bonds issued in this year?
4. What amount of money is in Indian Band Funds as Revenue Account?
5. What interest rate is paid to Indian Bands on this money and, if the interest rate varies, how much is covered and at what interest rates?