

vessel to an operational state. As this would place the vessel out of service for about 6 weeks of the season, and as CN had planned to retire the vessel at the end of this season, CN felt that these major repairs could not be justified.

3. The government is aware of the effect of such a withdrawal and the steps taken to alleviate it.

4. CN has undertaken a multi-faced approach alleviating any difficulties that may arise from circumstances resulting from the accident. CN will absorb some crew members into the transcontinental passenger train service as stewards. CN will also provide a generous settlement for those employees not wishing to exercise this option. Management affected have been offered early separation settlements or other employment. Seasonal employees have also been given settlements or offered alternative employment.

5. The government is always seeking to assure the best and most reasonable service for the tourist trade along the Pacific Coast, within reasonable economic bounds. The route is served presently by many other lines, including at least one Canadian line.

*CHARLOTTETOWN AIRPORT—FROST DAMAGE TO RUNWAY

Question No. 2,322—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. Has a section of the runway at the Charlottetown Airport sustained frost damage that renders a section unserviceable and, if so, does such damage render the runway unsuitable for the operation of DC-9 aircraft?

2. Will repairs, if necessary, be completed before the scheduled commencement on April 28 of DC-9 service by Air Canada?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. On April 11 a small section of the runway at Charlottetown Airport sustained damage that rendered the area unserviceable for a few days.

2. The necessary repairs have been made and the runway is back in service satisfactory for the scheduled DC-9 service by Air Canada. The matter of a permanent repair of the runway is currently under investigation.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—EMPLOYEES EARNING BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$50,000

Question No. 2,430—**Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):**

In the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates, how many of the listed (a) 433 administrative employees (b) 972 Welfare Services employees (c) 452 Pensions employees (d) 122 Bureau of Pensions Advocates employees (e) 6,269 Treatment Services employees (f) 489 Veterans Land Administration employees earn between (i) \$15,000 and \$20,000 (ii) \$20,000 and \$25,000 (iii) \$25,000 and \$30,000 (iv) \$30,000 and \$35,000 (v) \$35,000 and \$40,000 (vi) \$40,000 and \$45,000 (vii) \$45,000 and \$50,000 (viii) \$50,000 and more?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)
(a)	37	27	11	3	1	1	—	—
(b)	45	7	1	1	—	—	—	—
(c)	5	12	27	45	1	—	—	—
(d)	9	18	9	1	—	—	—	—

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	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)
(e)	50	27	18	27	21	1	—	—
(f)	55	17	1	1	—	—	—	—

NOTE: The term "employees" referred to in the question actually refers to man-years. The answer is given as the number of employees.

EXPORT OF ELECTRICAL POWER

Question No. 2,444—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Have there been any discussions between Quebec or United States officials and officials of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources concerning the location or size of a power line which is to export electricity from Quebec to the United States?

2. Have any agreements been signed with Hydro-Quebec or the Government of Quebec?

3. Will the line be constructed by the National Energy Board?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: 1. There have been no formal discussions.

2. No.

3. No.

*CONSUMER PACKAGING AND LABELLING ACT

Question No. 2,448—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What are the new rules and regulations in regard to the bilingual requirements under the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act?

2. What changes have been made in the requirements since March 1, 1975?

3. What information on such changes is presently available to Canadian businessmen besides a departmental press release?

4. Will the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs make a formal announcement concerning the rule changes as they have considerable effect on the import of goods to Canada and many Canadian businesses?

5. In order to alleviate the concern of Canadian importers and manufacturers, will the government give immediate consideration to the early promulgation of the new rules?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. The Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations which were gazetted on March 1, 1974, will become effective in regard to labelling requirements for non-foods on Sept. 1, 1975, and for foods on March 1, 1976. They will require that the common name and the quantity of the product be in both official languages. There are exceptions to this requirement, the major one being that prepackaged products manufactured and sold in a local government unit need only have mandatory information in one of the official languages if the population using the other official language represents less than 10 per cent of the total population of the unit.

2. While no changes have been finalized since March 1, 1975, certain proposals for amendments to the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations were published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, April 26, 1975. These include several proposals which would have the effect of granting exemptions from some mandatory labelling requirements for certain prepackaged products.