

## Starred Questions

Cornwall, Ontario, and other points along the international border? If so, to whom was the power sought to be exported?

2. What was the reason for this application?
3. Did the city of Cornwall intervene to object to this application? If so, for what reasons?
4. Did the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario refuse to sell power to Stormont Electric Light and Power Company Limited and St. Lawrence Power Company Limited, two power companies with head offices in the city of Cornwall, both doing business in the area? If so, for what reason?
5. Did the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario when applying for permission to develop power at the Long Sault, state through the government of Canada to the international joint commission and/or the federal power commission that the Long Sault was the last available source of power in Southern Ontario, and in view of the increasing demand necessitating additional sources for the supply of electrical power in Ontario there was urgent need for immediate action to meet the power requirements of that province?
6. Did the national energy board make a ruling upon this application?

**Mr. E. L. Morris (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to part (a) of question 1 is yes. With regard to part (b) I would refer the hon. member to the application filed on motion for production of papers, No. 9, *Votes and Proceedings* No. 3, page 26, of November 21, copies of which were sent to him yesterday.

The answer to question 2 is, the National Energy Board Act states that no person shall export power except under the authority of and in accordance with a licence issued under part VI of the act.

The answer to part (a) of question 3 is yes. The answer to part (b) is as follows: See intervention filed on motion for production of papers, No. 9, *Votes and Proceedings* No. 3, page 26, of November 21.

The answer to part (a) of question 4 is: The national energy board has no information respecting Stormont Electric Light and Power Company Limited. The answer to part (b) is as follows: With regard to St. Lawrence Power Company, the only information in possession of the national energy board is that contained in the transcript of evidence filed on motion for production of papers, No. 9, *Votes and Proceedings* No. 3, page 26, of November 21 at pages 185 to 198, 260 to 274 and 297 to 308.

The answer to question 5 is, the national energy board has no information on this subject.

The answer to question 6 is no.

LIGHTKEEPER, MADELEINE LIGHTHOUSE,  
GASPE COUNTY

**Question No. 11—Mr. Chevrier:**

1. Was Mr. Josephat Ste-Croix lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper at the Madeleine lighthouse, Gaspé county, prior to November 1, 1960?

[Mr. Chevrier.]

2. If so, how long had he been employed in such capacity?

3. Was he dismissed from his employ? If so, for what reason?

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to part 1 is yes, he was employed by the principal lightkeeper Mr. Remi Ferguson as his personal employee, assistant lightkeeper.

The answer to part 2 is that he was employed in such capacity from April 15, 1957, to October 31, 1960.

As to part 3, the answer is no. In accordance with departmental policy of progressively providing classified positions to take care of the appointment of lightkeeper assistants as public servants, the civil service commission advertised an open public competition for lightkeeper 1, junior lightkeeper, for Madeleine. The top ranking candidate, a war veteran with disability preference, was declared the successful candidate by the civil service commission and assumed duty on November 1, 1960. While the commission qualified Mr. Ste-Croix in the competition, he did not rank sufficiently high to be offered appointment at this time, and as there was no authority for the retention of his services he was released upon the appointment of the top ranking candidate.

CHIGNECTO CANAL—NEGOTIATIONS WITH N.B.  
RESPECTING STUDY

**Question No. 12—Mr. Coates:**

1. Is the Minister of Public Works presently negotiating with the government of the province of New Brunswick on the proposed study of the Chignecto canal?

2. If so, is the minister in a position to report on the progress of these negotiations?

3. When will a report on this study be available?

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the following is the answer to the first question: yes, in respect of the nomination of two government engineers from the province of New Brunswick to work with federal engineers on a review of information presently available on the Chignecto canal. This preliminary study is necessary to determine what further investigations are necessary.

The answer to the second part of the question is that on September 15, 1960 and October 12, 1960 I communicated with the premier of New Brunswick regarding the names of the two government engineers, but there has been no reply to my last letter.

The answer to part 3 is that it is not possible at this time to state when a report on the study will be available.