

Orders for Returns

2. Was a copy of his report sent by the government of Prince Edward Island to any department of the government of Canada?

3. Does Mr. McCulloch in this report propose that a level causeway could be constructed at a cost of approximately \$60,000,000?

4. Does Mr. McCulloch in his report express doubt that the bridge and tunnel approaches of the presently projected crossing could withstand the extremely severe ice conditions which prevail in the Northumberland straits?

5. Is Mr. McCulloch's report currently under study by the Department of Public Works and are alterations in the projected design under contemplation?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Mr. O. J. McCulloch was not commissioned or requested to prepare a report on the design of the Northumberland strait crossing by any department or agency of the government of Canada.

2. No, but Mr. McCulloch sent a commentary to the Department of Public Works in July, 1966. A revised version was received from him on February 6, 1967.

3. Yes. However, the estimate of \$60 million does not cover damage to property resulting from changes in tidal elevations that would result if a solid crossing were to be constructed.

4. Yes.

5. Yes. Studies completed to date do not indicate any need for changes in the design.

FILING OF CONFIDENTIAL CENSUS REPORTS

Question No. 2,704—Mr. Crouse:

1. Is consideration being given by the Department of Trade and Commerce to a later date for filing of confidential census reports covered by retail forms numbered 01, 03 and 07 which require by law a filing within three weeks of their receipt by merchants, with a threat of penalties for non-compliance?

2. So that small firms will be in a position to provide the information specified; will the department give consideration to extending the filing date to April 30, the same date required by the Income Tax Act?

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1 and 2. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics is constantly striving to produce more statistical data as quickly as possible. In this respect, the bureau continually seeks to improve and simplify its methods of gathering information and providing accurate and up-to-date information. In order to do this, D.B.S. is dependent on the co-operation of respondents in getting the information to the bureau at the earliest practical date.

The 1966 census of retail and service business, which is conducted at five year intervals, is a large undertaking involving over 200,000 retailers and service business operators. The 1966 questionnaires are much shorter and easier to complete than the 1961 forms.

However, if any firm requests an extension of time due to unusual circumstances, it will be given consideration.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PURCHASES FROM CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE SUPPLY CO.

Question 2,369—Mr. Orlikow:

1. What is the dollar value of equipment purchased by the government of Canada in each of the past ten years from the Continental Telephone Supply Company of New York city?

2. Of this amount, how much was purchased by each government department?

3. What types of equipment were purchased from the Continental Telephone Supply Company by government departments?

4. What was the purpose of the purchase of this equipment?

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FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, LONDON, ONT.

Question No. 2,413—Mr. Irvine:

1. How many people are employed in the city of London, Ontario, by the federal government?

2. Of this number how many come under the Civil Service Commission?

3. How many do not come under the Civil Service Commission, and in what departments do they serve?

4. How many are under annual contract and in what departments do they serve?

5. How many are casual or non-permanent employees and in what departments are they employed?

6. How many are in other classifications?

7. Of those listed under parts 3, 4, 5 and 6, what holiday, vacation, pension and compensation benefits do they receive?

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES ON RADIO AND TELEVISION ADVERTISING

Question No. 2,437—Mr. Knowles:

During the calendar year 1966, or during the latest twelve-month period for which figures are available, how much was spent by each department of the federal government on advertising by (a) radio over C.B.C. stations (b) television over C.B.C. stations (c) radio over private stations (d) television over private stations?

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