

One tender was received after the time limit: Arnold Georges Firlotte, R. R. No. 2, Matapédia, \$2,950.

3. Yes. To James Randolph Adams at \$2,600 per annum to commence September 1, 1966. Original amounts bid were considered to be too high. As provided for in section 26 of the Post Office Act, an endeavour was made to obtain more reasonable offers from each of the two tenderers who had submitted their bids within the set time limit. Mr. Adams submitted the lowest offer.

4. See No. 3 above.

5. No.

[English]

C.P.R. "DOMINION—TERMINATION OF  
MAIL CONTRACT

Question No. 1,798—**Mr. Reid:**

What was the date on which the C.P.R. gave notice to the Post Office Department to terminate their contract to carry mail on the Dominion train?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** December 31, 1964.

TECHNICAL OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES

Question No. 1,801—**Mr. Enns:**

1. How many technical officers are there in each of the three armed services?

2. How many of these are engineers possessing university degrees?

3. How many technical officers of each of the three armed services have (a) applied for release since February 1, 1966 (b) have been retired, having reached the compulsory retirement age (c) have been recruited since February 1, 1966?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. 30 June, 1966: RCN, 469; CA(R), 914 (This is the total number of officers serving in the technical corps RCE, RC Sig and RCEME); RCAF, 1652 (This is the total number in the technical list.)

2. 30 June, 1966: RCN, 188; CA(R), 417; RCAF, 539.

3. Statistics prior to 1 April, 1966, did not reflect this information. However, from 1 April to 30 June, 1966, the following have applied for release: (a) RCN, 6; CA(R), 37; RCAF, 32. (b) 1 February-30 June, 1966: RCN, 16; CA(R), 27; RCAF, 43. (c) 1 February-30 June, 1966: RCN, Nil; CA(R), 2; RCAF, 6.

Questions

PROFESSIONAL PAY FOR TECHNICAL OFFICERS,  
ARMED FORCES

Question No. 1,803—**Mr. Enns:**

1. Is there any serious intent to introduce professional pay for technical officers of the armed services?

2. If so (a) when is this likely to occur (b) what categories of personnel will be affected (c) will there be any distinction made between university graduate engineers and non-university technical personnel as regards such professional pay?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** The over-all pay structure and pay rates of the Canadian armed forces are under study now. Until this study is completed and approved, the date of introduction and the categories of personnel which might be affected cannot be determined.

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS,  
ARMED FORCES

Question No. 1,804—**Mr. Enns:**

1. Have any studies been undertaken to determine whether or not there are significant disparities between the cost of living in Ottawa and other Canadian areas where military personnel serve, exclusive of those areas where special allowances are in effect?

2. If significant discrepancies have been found to exist, are there any plans to adjust pay or allowances of the armed forces to compensate for these differences in cost of living indices?

3. If no studies exist, is there any intention to initiate such a survey?

4. What is the official cost of living index for each Canadian forces base in Canada, exclusive of those bases for which special allowances are in effect?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

3. No.

4. There is no official cost of living index applicable to Canadian forces bases in Canada.

BASIS OF WIDOWS' PENSIONS,  
ARMED FORCES

Question No. 1,805—**Mr. Enns:**

1. Are members of the armed forces officially considered to be on continuous duty while they are in the service?

2. If so, are they also so considered for the purpose of computing the eligibility of a widow for a pension?

3. If so, is this fact officially recognized and accepted by the pension board?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. Members of the regular