

Questions

2. Does the Department of Fisheries and Forestry intend to take over the operation of the laboratory in the place of Rayonnier?

3. Does Rayonnier carry out any forest research elsewhere in Canada?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries): 1. No.

2. No.

3. Yes. The company has forestry oriented research in the forests of British Columbia.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVINCIAL PARKS

Question No. 681—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Does the Department of Forestry and Rural Development in any way assist in the establishment or enlargement of provincial parks?

2. If so, what is the nature of such assistance and what amounts were or will be spent for each province?

3. What criteria are applied for such assistance?

[Translation]

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): 1. Yes.

2. Cost-sharing of certain development expenditures, particularly basic infrastructure in conformity with an overall plan.

Province	Commitments	Expenditures
Newfoundland	\$ 232,000	\$ 189,667
Nova Scotia	291,900	280,206
New Brunswick	2,993,498	2,273,882
Prince Edward Island	888,805	157,309
Ontario	1,724,000	652,009
Quebec	246,591	209,602
Manitoba	1,672,425	1,049,365
Saskatchewan	996,948	754,448
British Columbia	Nil	Nil
Alberta	Nil	Nil

3. An area to be considered for assistance must be jointly agreed to by the federal and provincial governments. Consideration is given to factors such as earnings in the area, extent of unemployment or under-employment, record of social assistance payments, levels of education and similar criteria. If sizeable assistance is called for, it must be justified by benefit-cost analysis.

[English]

GOVERNMENT AIR TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Question No. 685—**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):**

1. Has the Treasury Board adopted regulations concerning travel by commercial airlines within and

[Mr. Anderson.]

without Canada by members of the Public Service of Canada and of the Armed Services?

2. When were the main regulations adopted and when were they last amended?

3. What are the criteria used to determine which persons in the Public Service and in the Armed Services shall be entitled to travel by air (a) first class (b) economy class, and where in fact is drawn the dividing line?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. Yes.

2. The public service travel regulations were adopted August 13, 1959 and were last amended August 16, 1968. The Queen's Regulations and Orders which relate to the Canadian armed forces were adopted September 1, 1951 and were last amended February 1, 1968.

3. (a) Public service. In general the dividing line for first class air travel is at the level of senior officer 2 and equivalent. In the following circumstances employees below this level may also be authorized to travel first class: (i) when required to travel by air on two or more successive nights; (ii) on flights originating or terminating in Asia, Africa or Australasia, or internally in Latin America; (iii) when travelling with a minister of the crown; (iv) when the employee is designated as the head of a foreign post; or (v) when economy class is not available and the trip cannot be delayed. (b) Armed services. In general the dividing line for first class is brigadier general. The circumstances in which first class air travel may be authorized for personnel below this rank are similar to those of the public service. In addition, officers accompanying major generals or members of the defence council may fly first class.

PRODUCTION OF CANADIAN COINS

Question No. 705—**Mr. Coates:**

Is it the intention of the federal government to contract with firms in the United States for the manufacture or production of Canadian coinage for 1969, and does the federal government intend to establish in Canada facilities that will allow for the complete manufacture of coinage in this country and, if so, when and by what method?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): It is not the intention to contract with firms in the United States for the manufacture or production of Canadian coinage for 1969. Plans are being considered for the building of a new and larger Royal Canadian Mint.