

for Inland Waters established by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources will be a focal point for such research.

Federal government activity in the study of specific pollution problems normally is in co-operation with the appropriate provincial government. The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources has no plans at this time for a study of pollution conditions on the lower Fraser River directly related to the five items, (a) to (e), mentioned in the Question. The Department now is operating eight permanent water quality monitoring stations on the Fraser River and its tributaries, and plans to place seven additional stations in operation in 1969; it also will extend its analysis procedures to include pollution parameters representative of sewage waste discharges in the Fraser River system.

2. Virtually all studies of river pollution are directed to some extent to the evaluation of the effects of waste discharges, whether or not they are subject to treatment. Research into various elements of the effects of primary treatment of municipal and/or industrial waste discharges is being carried out by federal and provincial government agencies, universities, industries and consultants.

3. The Department has no specific anti-pollution pilot project under way in British Columbia at present; but negotiations are in progress for a comprehensive federal-provincial study of the water needs of the Okanagan River basin, and this study will include examination of pollution abatement requirements which may well involve pilot projects.

**NITINAT LAKE INDIAN FAMILIES**

Question No. 1,755—**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):**

1. On or about December 28, 1968, did the Indian Agent at Port Alberni arrange to have a doctor

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and an Indian assistant call on the 14 Indian families at the new Indian Village at Nitinat Lake?

2. If so (a) what was the purpose of these calls (b) how many house calls did the doctor make and over what period of time (c) how many sick people did the doctor find (d) what were their ailments (e) what medication and treatment, if any, did the doctor prescribe?

3. What was the cost to the government for the visit of the doctor and his Indian assistant?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. Yes.

2. (a) To determine whether or not there was serious illness at Nitinat Lake; (b) every house on the Reserve was visited. 2½ hours. (c) Five; (d) Influenza-like disease; (e) appropriate preparations as clinically indicated.

3. Over and above salaries of government employees, \$21.50.

**EMPLOYMENT LOSS THROUGH POST OFFICE CLOSURES**

Question No. 1,791—**Mr. Comeau:**

How many postmasters will lose employment as a result of the closing of post offices in each of the ten provinces?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications):** In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: 532 Postmasters were released so far, as a result of the closing program. 304 cases were reviewed and the Postmasters retained. 243 others will be released shortly and 2,686 Post Offices still have to be surveyed to determine their usefulness.

Hereunder is a breakdown of the situation, by Postal District.

Postal District	Number of Postmasters Released	Number of Cases Reviewed and Postmasters Retained	Number of Postmasters To Be Released	Number of Cases to Be Reviewed
St. John's.....	11	18	9	363
Halifax.....	67	3	61	268
Saint John.....	55	6	22	202
Quebec.....	32	53	39	154
Montreal.....	26	6	12	110
Ottawa.....	39	29	15	180
Toronto.....	28	33	10	118
London.....	21	19	6	80
North Bay.....	14	5	11	160
Winnipeg.....	61	36	11	322
Saskatoon.....	38	15	13	319
Calgary.....	54	12	19	73
Edmonton.....	58	47	13	169
Vancouver.....	28	24	2	168
Total.....	532	304	243	2,686