

Questions

grain production of all segments of the agricultural industry in Canada.

USE OF SOVIET ICE-BREAKERS

Question No. 1,663—**Mr. Fortin:**

Has the Soviet Government offered the services of its ice-breakers to open the St. Lawrence River for winter navigation and, if so, what was the government's response?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The Soviet Government has never offered the services of its icebreakers to open the St. Lawrence River for winter navigation.

CONSULTATION CONFERENCE WITH
INDIAN PEOPLEQuestion No. 1,681—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. What is the name and address of each person who asked that the proposed consultation conference with Indian people to have been held in Ottawa, March 6 to 14, be postponed?

2. By what means of communication did each such person so indicate that desire for postponement?

3. What, in detail, was the nature of each such request?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. (a) Mr.

Harold Cardinal, President of the Indian Association of Alberta. (b) Mr. Walter Dieter, President, National Indian Brotherhood.

2. Mr. Cardinal's request was by letter dated February 14, 1969, and Mr. Dieter's request was during discussions with the Minister of Indian Affairs in late February.

3. The nature of the communications were an expression of concern that insufficient time was available for the associations to study the position of the other provinces as outlined in their reports.

INCOME TAX EVASION PROSECUTIONS

Question No. 1,753—**Mr. Paproski:**

1. By province, how many prosecutions of individuals for non-payment of income tax were ordered by the federal government in each of the following years: 1968, 1967, 1966, 1965, 1964, 1963?

2. In each of the same years, by province, how many cases of non-payment or evasion of income tax payment were reported?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Number of cases in which prosecutions for attempted evasion or non-payment of income tax were instituted:

Fiscal Year	1962-3	1963-4	1964-5	1965-6	1966-7	1967-8
Newfoundland.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island.....	—	—	1	—	—	—
Nova Scotia.....	—	—	—	—	1	—
New Brunswick.....	—	1	—	—	—	—
Quebec.....	7	10	21	4	3	8
Ontario.....	4	3	3	8	8	6
Manitoba.....	1	—	1	1	—	2
Saskatchewan.....	—	1	2	—	3	2
Alberta.....	1	3	2	1	1	3
British Columbia.....	4	3	1	—	—	2
Yukon.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....	17	21	31	14	16	23

2. Number of cases of attempted evasion or non-payment of income tax investigated:

Fiscal Year	1962-3	1963-4	1964-5	1965-6	1966-7	1967-8
Newfoundland.....	26	7	6	9	8	4
Prince Edward Island.....	1	1	2	2	3	1
Nova Scotia.....	8	9	4	6	5	6
New Brunswick.....	3	6	5	2	4	5
Quebec.....	86	76	121	73	72	74
Ontario.....	150	174	166	170	121	107
Manitoba.....	15	11	12	13	9	7
Saskatchewan.....	24	58	52	26	24	20
Alberta.....	53	38	33	25	35	30
British Columbia.....	24	58	27	34	29	33
Yukon.....	1	2	3	1	—	2
Total.....	391	440	431	361	310	289

[Mr. Olson.]