

3. Nil. To import automobiles duty free under the Motor Vehicles Tariff Order 1965, the importer must be a qualified manufacturer of automobiles within the terms of the order.

SMALL CRAFT HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Question No. 2,121—**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert)**:

Have any moneys been spent under the capital assistance program for small craft harbour development since introduction and, if so, where and what amounts?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Yes. To date \$350 has been paid towards a dredging contract at Wheatley, Ontario. Contracts have also been awarded at Summerside, P.E.I., \$28,000; Trois-Rivières, Que., \$24,624; Sturgeon Lake, Ont., \$3,200 and South Pender, B.C., \$9,990. Tenders are being reviewed for projects at Baie D'Urfe, Sillery and Trois-Rivières in the province of Quebec and at Dunrobin and Rideau Lakes in the province of Ontario.

SPRINGHILL, N.S.—YOUNG OFFENDERS PENAL INSTITUTION

Question No. 2,138—**Mr. Coates**:

1. What is the name of the architectural firm that has the responsibility for the Young Offender's Penal Institution under construction at Springhill, Nova Scotia?

2. How much has this firm received in fees to date for services rendered and what is the estimated final cost for their services?

3. What is the name of the engineering consulting firm involved in the construction of the Young Offender's Penal Institution at Springhill, Nova Scotia?

4. What is the amount they have received to date for services rendered and what is the final estimated cost for their services?

5. What is the estimated total cost of constructing this penal institution and what is the present estimated completion date for the institution?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. C. D. Davison & Co., Halifax, N.S.

2. (a) \$334,620.32; (b) \$424,120.

3. Civil, J. Philip Vaughan, Halifax, N.S.; Mechanical, Wiggs, Walford, Frost & Lindsay, Halifax, N.S.; Electrical, F. C. O'Neill & Associates, Halifax, N.S.

4. Unknown by the department as this is the responsibility of the consulting architects.

5. (a) \$11,502,000; (b) July 1967.

Inquiries of the Ministry

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

POSITIONS APPROVED IN NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION BRANCH

Question No. 1,992—**Mr. Orange**:

1. What are the total number of positions approved by Treasury Board effective April 1, 1966, for the northern administration branch in the administration district of the Mackenzie and the administrative district of the Arctic?

2. How many of these positions are in the Northwest Territories?

3. How many are located in Ottawa?

4. How many of these positions were vacant as of October 1, 1966?

5. Excluding prevailing rate positions, what is the classification and location of these vacancies?

Return tabled.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INTERIM SUPPLY—REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance but in his absence I will ask it of the Minister of National Revenue. Is it the intention of the minister to give to the house later today a full explanation of the recent financial transactions, in order to allay suspicion that there has been a gross infringement of the rights of parliament with regard to the voting of supply?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I should like to assure everyone that there is no reason for any suspicion and everything that was done was done after obtaining legal opinion from the Department of Justice. I would be pleased to give such an explanation on interim supply.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I ask the minister this: When was it that in the practice of these shenanigans, to use the words of the Minister of National Defence—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Diefenbaker: —the government became aware of the fact that they had tens of millions of dollars lying around that they did not know anything about and could transfer for civil servants' salaries?