

Questions

2. (a) and (b) Details by individual years are not available. As far as can be determined, Canada made no donations in kind to Britain from 1939-42, from 1946-49 and from 1964-67 (however in 1942 a contribution of 1 billion was made for the purchase by Britain of Canadian war supplies for its own and other Allied use); from 1943-45, goods worth approximately \$720 million were made available to Britain each year as part of Canada's Mutual Aid program, under which contracts were signed with allied nations to provide foodstuffs, war materials and other supplies without payment; and between 1950 and 1963, military equipment worth \$170,465,000 was donated to Britain under the Mutual Aid program by which NATO allies were provided, at their request, with material surplus to Canadian requirements.

[English]

DISCONTINUATION OF RURAL MAIL
DELIVERIES ON SATURDAYSQuestion No. 870—**Mr. Scott (Victoria (Ont.))**:

1. Is it the intention of the Post Office Department to discontinue urban mail deliveries on Saturdays?

2. Will the Post Office Department continue the delivery of rural mail on Saturdays?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): 1. Preliminary studies concerning the curtailment of postal service on weekends have been initiated. These studies are in line with recommendations 58 and 59 of the royal commission on working conditions in the Post Office Department.

Studies to date have dealt with the effect these recommendations would have on staff needs. Studies are under way to assess the full impact of the recommendations on such problems as storage space, delays to mail and other related considerations. There is also the question of public reaction to be resolved.

Only after a detailed analysis has been made of all factors concerned will it be possible to make concrete proposals as to the course of action, if any, that will be taken with regard to the curtailment of urban mail deliveries on Saturdays.

2. Any possible effect that a curtailment in postal services upon the weekends might have on rural mail delivery will be thoroughly examined.

EMPLOYMENT OF IMMIGRANTS
BY CANADIAN MINESQuestion No. 871—**Mr. Orlikow**:

Are any Canadian mining firms or mining associations now recruiting immigrant miners, and mine

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

labourers, overseas, through the facilities of the Department of Manpower and Immigration, or are they hiring those immigrants on their own and then having immigration officials approve their entry into Canada?

2. What are the names and addresses of each mining firm and mining association that are taking part in this overseas recruitment program?

3. (a) What are the European countries visited by representatives of each mining firm and mining association (b) are the Branches of the Department of Manpower and Immigration in each one of those countries assisting or participating in this recruitment?

4. (a) Has the Department of Manpower and Immigration any information as to the total number of immigrant miners and mine labourers each firm will be bringing into Canada during the next six months (b) how many miners and mine labourers have been brought into Canada to date this year by the Department of Manpower and Immigration for employment in the mines as miners and mine labourers?

5. What is the exact location of each mine in Canada where those immigrant miners and mine labourers are to be employed?

6. (a) Have any or all those mines listed their labour requirements with the various Canada Manpower Centres (b) what are the possibilities now of recruiting Canadian workers for employment in the mines as miners and mine labourers instead of bringing into Canada immigrants for this work?

7. (a) Did the Department of Manpower and Immigration discuss with the mining association or with the individual mine officials the possibility of training Canadian workers for this work (b) if so, what was the result (c) can mine workers or prospective mine workers be given training under present training programs?

8. (a) Did the Department of Manpower and Immigration discuss with the unions which have organized the workers in Canadian mines and which have agreements with the mining companies, the attitude of the unions in respect to bringing in immigrant miners and mine labourers to work in Canadian mines (b) if so, what was the attitude of the unions concerned?

9. (a) Did the Department of Manpower and Immigration discuss with the unions which have organized the workers in Canadian mines the attitude of the unions to the training of Canadian workers to work in Canadian mines (b) if so, what was the attitude of the unions concerned?

10. (a) Did the Department of Manpower and Immigration discuss with the mining firms or mining associations the possibility of meeting part or all of their recruitment problems through the hiring and/or training of Canadian Indians and Eskimos (b) if so, what was the attitude of the companies to such a proposal?

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):

1. Yes. Three mining firms have been recruiting miners and mine labourers abroad and several other firms are completing arrangements to send representatives overseas for recruitment through the facilities of the Department of Manpower and Immigration.