

## Questions

such rations are purchased from moneys appropriated by parliament for Indian welfare. There is also granted from appropriations a special allowance to aged Indians.

2. The authority to grant assistance from band funds to aged Indians has been provided for in the Indian Act since it was first passed; see section 95 (d).

## BUILDING PERMITS

## Mr. Fleming:

1. What was the aggregate value of building permits issued in Canada by months in the year 1948?

2. How much of such aggregate value in each month was for (a) residential; (b) commercial and industrial construction?

## Mr. McIlraith:

1 and 2.

	(1)	(2)	1948		
			Total Value of Permits \$	Residential Construction \$	Commercial Construction \$
January	17,478,810		8,617,254	5,755,471	1,633,648
February	21,047,234		10,845,178	6,465,852	1,719,170
March	42,331,311		23,758,153	9,854,616	2,544,550
April	69,447,531		43,960,039	13,148,474	4,179,004
May	73,631,690		46,304,525	14,565,133	5,406,351
June	75,052,649		47,075,938	14,094,803	4,963,525
July	73,108,839		41,046,219	12,173,335	7,093,090
August	63,652,206		38,663,501	11,365,400	4,486,585
September	56,845,721		34,131,730	11,115,650	5,125,210
October	56,253,810		33,699,234	11,985,048	5,223,606
November	51,307,919		28,932,701	11,891,277	5,300,890
December	46,751,089		22,662,559	12,801,692	3,508,430

(1) Includes institutional and miscellaneous permits.

(2) As reported by 507 municipalities in Canada. No account is taken of the building activity outside of registration areas.

## DRAINAGE AND RECLAMATION—BRITISH COLUMBIA—LILLOOET LAKE

## Mr. Fulton:

1. Has a contract now been let for the lowering of the level of Lillooet lake in connection with drainage and reclamation at Pemberton Meadows, British Columbia?

2. If so, who was the successful bidder, and what was the amount of the tender?

3. Were other tenders received?

4. If any, who were the tenderers, and what was the amount of the tender in each case?

## Mr. McCubbin:

1. Yes.

2. Highway Construction Company, Limited, Vancouver, B. C. \$404,000.

3. Yes.

4. Campbell-Bennett Limited, Vancouver, B.C., \$407,000. Assiniboia Engineering Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta., \$486,700. Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C., \$540,000. Fred Mannix & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta., \$1,215,000.

## POSTAL SERVICE—RATES TO NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

## Mr. MacInnis:

1. What are the postage rates to Yellowknife and other areas in the Northwest Territories on (a) letters; (b) newspapers and periodicals; (c) printed matter; (d) parcels?

2. Is the postage rate on any of these items different from rates to other parts of Canada?

## Mr. Bertrand (Laurier):

(1) First class (letters)—4 cents first ounce, and third class (printed) matter, 2 cents each

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additional ounce or fraction thereof; second class matter (newspapers and periodicals) when mailed by the public—1 cent per 4 ounces or fraction of 4 ounces to each separate address; when mailed from the office of publication or from newsdealers to subscribers—4 cents per pound.

## Parcel Post

30 cents per lb. or fraction of a lb.—Bitumont, Camsell Portage, Embarras Portage, Fond du Lac, Fort Chipewyan, Fort Fitzgerald, Fort Smith, Stony Rapids.

70 cents per lb. or fraction of a lb.—Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Hay River, Port Radium, Rae, Yellowknife.

\$1.20 per lb. or fraction of a lb.—Coppermine, Fort Good Hope, Fort Norman, Fort Simpson, Norman Wells, Wrigley.

\$1.40 per lb. or fraction of a lb.—Aklavik, Arctic Red River, Fort McPherson, Port Brabant, Reindeer Depot.

Note: Small parcels weighing up to 8 ounces may be prepaid at the air letter rate of 7 cents for the first ounce, and 5 cents each ounce after, if the sender so desires.

(2) Yes. All mail for Yellowknife and the other offices mentioned above must be carried by air. Special rates of postage were established for printed matter, parcels, and news-