

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS—LAY-OFFS AND
HIRINGS BECAUSE OF USE OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 378—**Mr. Robinson:**

As a result of the use of computers by the Department of Communications how many employees have been (a) laid off (b) hired?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications): (a) Nil; (b) five permanent employees; 10 part-time employees.

INSCRIPTION ON BANK NOTES ISSUED BY
BANK OF CANADA

Question No. 391—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. Of all bank notes issued by the Bank of Canada bearing the inscription "The Bank of Canada will pay to the bearer on demand" (a) what does the inscription mean (b) what will the Bank of Canada pay (c) will it remit gold to the bearer (d) will it remit bills of another denomination (e) how long have the bills borne this inscription?

2. Of the new twenty dollar bills issued in 1969 by the Bank of Canada bearing the inscription "This note is legal tender" (a) what does the inscription mean (b) is this bill backed by gold and, if not, on what is it based (c) what difference is there between these new bills and the others which are outstanding and which are only promises to pay (d) for what reasons has the Bank of Canada made the change?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. (a) Prior to the amendment of the Bank of Canada Act in 1967, Section 21 (1) of the Act provided that notes should be payable to bearer on demand. (b) and (c) Prior to the amendment of the Bank of Canada Act in 1967, Section 22 (1) of the Act provided that "The Bank shall sell gold to any person who makes demand therefor at the head office of the Bank and tenders the purchase price in legal tender, but only in the form of bars containing approximately four hundred ounces of fine gold". Prior to the amendment of the Bank of Canada Act in 1967, Section 22 (2) of the Act provided that the Governor in Council, from time to time and for such period as he may deem desirable, may suspend the operation of subsection (1) and remove such suspension, and under this authority the operation of Section 22 (1) of the Act was suspended annually by Order-in-Council. (d) Yes. (e) Since 1935.

2. (a) The inscription "this note is legal tender" appears on the new \$20 Bank of Canada note in conformity with Section 7 of the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act as amended in 1967. (b) No. Section 21 (1) of the Bank of Canada Act provides that notes shall be a first charge on the assets of the Bank. (c) There is no difference between the new issue of the \$20 denomination and the previous issues in respect of their designation as legal tender. (d) To conform with the amended provisions of the Bank of Canada Act and the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—LAY-OFFS AND HIRINGS
BECAUSE OF USE OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 393—**Mr. Robinson:**

As a result of the use of computers by the Department of Public Works how many employees have been (a) laid off (b) hired?

Questions

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): (a) None; (b) 11.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—MAN-HOURS SAVED
BECAUSE OF UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 394—**Mr. Robinson:**

How many man-hours have been saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of Public Works during each year since computers have been used?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): There has been no direct savings in man-hours resulting from the use of computers. However their use has contributed to the provision of complex information which would have required additional man-hours had computers not been used.

WATER SYSTEM IN CARLING, NFLD.

Question No. 417—**Mr. Marshall:**

Has the Province of Newfoundland made application to DREE for funds to provide a water system in Curling, Newfoundland and, if so (a) has a decision been reached (b) what was the decision?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): No formal application has been received. (a) and (b) Not applicable.

PASSPORTS ISSUED

Question No. 423—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Up to the end of September, how many passport applications were processed this year at each office issuing same, identifying the offices?

2. How many passports in that time were issued to applicants from Atlantic Canada?

Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Up to the end of September, 1970, 335,178 passports were issued this year at offices in Canada as follows: Ottawa, 252,820; Toronto, 36,400; Montreal, 31,838; Vancouver, 14,120.

2. The Passport Office does not keep precise records of the province of origin of passport applications. However, a sampling of passport applications received in the first nine months of 1970 indicated that slightly less than 3 percent of passport applications originated in the Atlantic provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

*ADMISSION OF LANDED IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA
WITHOUT SECURITY CHECKS

Question No. 488—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

How many landed immigrants in each year 1966 to 1969 inclusive and 1970 to date have been admitted to Canada without being subject to security checks?