

Order Paper Questions

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SEAWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CORPORATION

Question No. 78—Mr. Orlikow:

1. Who (a) is the president (b) are the vice-presidents of the Seaway International Bridge Corporation Ltd.?
2. What is the annual salary in each case?

Hon. J. Robert Howie (Minister of State (Transport)):

The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd., a subsidiary of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, advises as follows:

1. (a) Paul D. Normandeau,
President,
The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.
- (b) David W. Oberlin,
Administrator,
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation,
(U.S. state corporation).
2. No salaries are paid to either officer for duties associated with the Seaway International Bridge Corporation Ltd.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT PRESCOTT, ONTARIO—WASHROOM FACILITIES

Question No. 105—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Is the government aware of the condition of the washroom facilities in the building owned by the Ogdensburg Bridge Authority and occupied by Canada Customs and Immigration at the International Bridge at Prescott, Ontario and (a) if so (i) have the floor tiles in one of the washrooms been smashed, dug up and disposed of in large patches over a period of two years (ii) has one particular light fixture been out of operation for over a year (iii) has one of the two urinals in the men's washroom been out of order for many months (b) if not, was an investigation undertaken with a view to rectifying the situation and, if so, for what reason?
2. Were representations made to the landlord to have these intolerable conditions rectified and, if so, what were such representations?

Hon. Walter Baker (President of the Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue):

1. (a) The government is aware of the condition of the washroom facilities in the building owned by the Ogdensburg Bridge Authority and occupied by Canada Customs and Immigration at the International Bridge at Prescott, and that (i) the floor tiles are missing due to water seepage and freezing (ii) the light fixture has been inoperative for over a year and has not been repaired (iii) one of the two urinals has been out of order due to the unavailability of parts.
- (b) N-A (See above).
2. The government has made repeated verbal observations over the last two years to representatives of the authority which refuses to co-operate in maintaining this facility at a standard that we find acceptable. The authority maintains that they are keeping the facilities in the best condition possible with the funds available. We will continue our efforts to resolve these unsatisfactory conditions.

[Mr. Kilgour.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—GIFTS

Question No. 106—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the former Prime Minister at any time give a gift of a boat paid for from public funds to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany and, if so, what was the cost?
2. Is the government aware that Chancellor Schmidt made a public statement in an interview that he had not sold the boat but found it necessary to leave it tied up at a dock because it would not float properly in rough water?
3. Was the boat made in Canada and (a) if so (i) by whom (ii) on what date (b) if not (i) by whom was it made and on what date (ii) what are the reasons that the former Prime Minister gave the chancellor a foreign-made product rather than buying Canadian?
4. What is an exact description of the boat including type, size, etc.?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned the reply is as follows:

1. Yes. It is not customary to disclose the cost of such gifts.
2. Chancellor Schmidt's office has denied that the chancellor has made such a statement and has confirmed that he still had the sailboat; while it was true that the chancellor had found it a bit difficult to handle, because it is very fast, he had sailed it with pleasure and would continue to do so.
3. Yes; (a) (i) Les Voiliers Performance Inc., 530 Delmar Road, Pointe Claire (Quebec); (ii) June, 1978. (b) Not applicable.
4. Thirteen feet, ten and one half inches long, four feet, six inches wide; 125 pounds fiberglass "Laser" sailing dinghy.

MR. LEV VINOGRADOV

Question No. 111—Mr. Cossitt:

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 16 of the Fourth Session of the Thirtieth Parliament, is the government aware of the full name of the wife of the Russian Professor Lev Vinogradov listed on page 6 as attending the Economic Department of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and, if so, what is her full name?
2. (a) Was he accompanied to Canada by his wife (b) what were the dates that either he or his wife were in Canada?
3. What were all the qualifications of Mr. Vinogradov that made him eligible for such an exchange with Canada?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Secretary of State for External Affairs):

1. No.
2. (a) No;
- (b) Mr. Vinogradov arrived in September 1977 and left in February 1978.
3. Mr. Vinogradov came to Canada under the terms of Section 1 (D) 1 of the Program of Scientific, Academic and Cultural Exchanges and Co-operation between Canada and the U.S.S.R. in accordance with the Canada-U.S.S.R. General Exchanges Agreement of October 20, 1971. He was nominated to the program by the U.S.S.R. ministry of higher and specialized education.