

## Questions

facilities for training and retraining. Perhaps an entirely new program is required.

The thing most disturbing about the statement is the expression of anxiety by the minister on behalf of himself and his department. He is worried about his ability to carry out the policies in question; then he turns around and says "But I cannot do it because I have not the training facilities." Well, the responsibility exists. The minister goes on to say that it is the responsibility of the province.

This subject, of course, is one of the problems existing in Canada, and I suggest to the minister and the government with as much urgency as I can that this situation ought to force the government to bring in a new policy with respect to the provision of training facilities, finding teachers for training and doing those things necessary to implement the training and retraining program. It just is not good enough for the minister to shuffle off the responsibility to some other level of government. He should not blame some other level of government for his inability to carry out a program for which he is responsible.

My second point is this. It becomes daily more clear that the government's coal policy with respect to operations in Cape Breton and parts of Nova Scotia is obviously a half policy which will not meet the problems in Cape Breton, in particular. The government ought to take a second look at this program and consider the solution we have urged, namely that it is time to take over all the operations of DOSCO, steel as well as coal, so the workers in both industries can be integrated in a program for rehabilitating this unhappy area of Canada.

In any case, I cannot understand what these lengthy negotiations with the Dominion Coal Company are about. What is it we are buying from the Dominion Coal Company that it should take all this time to set up a crown corporation to get going toward a solution of the problems to which the minister has referred? I conclude by urging that at the proper time this house should reconsider the entire policy in connection with training facilities and particularly the policy toward that giant in the area which is becoming a pygmy at the expense of the people of Cape Breton island.

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(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Mr. Lewis.]

## SENIOR PUBLIC SERVICE SALARIES

Question No. 2,012—**Mr. Lambert:**

As of October 11, 1966, how many persons in (a) the employ of the public service of Canada (b) the armed services (c) the employ of crown corporations or agencies, were being paid salary, or pay and allowances, or emoluments in the following categories: (i) \$18,000-\$20,000 per annum (ii) \$20,000-\$25,000 per annum (iii) \$25,000-\$35,000 per annum (iv) \$35,000 and up per annum?

**Hon. July V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** (a) (i) 522; (ii) 397; (iii) 67; (iv) 23. (b) (i) 159; (ii) 50; (iii) 12; (iv) none. (c) (i) 195; (ii) 116; (iii) 28; (iv) 7.

Air Canada, the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation and Polymer Corporation advise that it has not been considered in the best interests of their respective corporations to disclose data on employees' earnings other than what is available through the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

## \*TAX ON ALLOWANCES TO B AND B COMMISSIONERS

Question No. 2,296—**Mr. Coates:**

Are the amounts that have been received by the commissioners of the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism tax exempt?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** Only to the extent of the living allowances, on a per diem basis, and the reimbursement of actual and reasonable out of pocket transportation expenses, paid in respect of absences from their normal places of residence in connection with their duties as commissioners.

## \*POSSIBLE CONFUSION IN NAMES OF COMPANIES

Question No. 2,377—**Mr. Stanbury:**

1. In the light of recent experience with North American General Insurance Company and Prudential Finance Corporation Limited, will the government initiate a federal-provincial survey to determine whether other companies in the financial and insurance fields are trading on the names of well-established companies?

2. What steps are being taken by the government, independently or in conjunction with provincial governments, to ensure that neither letters patent nor licences hereafter will be granted or continued in circumstances likely to confuse or deceive the public as to the identity and reputation of financial and insurance companies?