

contingent on current food costs. The next adjustment will be effective December 1971.

SDB Insurance Rates—There will be no increase before the end of 1972 with respect to SDB insurance rates which have been in effect since the plan was restructured in 1966.

Mess Dues—The amount paid by each member for mess dues is set by a vote of the members of each mess at a general mess meeting, subject to the approval of the commanding officers. It will differ between messes according to their particular needs.

Clothing Allowances or Costs—Clothing prices are normally reviewed annually and adjustments are made as required to reflect the latest procurement costs. A study is presently under way to determine whether there should be any adjustments to the prices charged for clothing and to determine whether the rate of Clothing Upkeep Allowance should be changed. As the results of this study will not be available until the spring of 1972, it is not possible to forecast what the net result of any changes in clothing prices or allowances will be.

sport office

Question No. 2,136—**Mr. McCleave:**

Was the Passport Office moved from 85 Sparks Street to 48 Besserer Street and, if so, for what reason?

[Translation]

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes. The Passport Office recently moved to 48 Besserer Street to provide it with more useable floor space better suited to carry out its passport production activities and to release space in the Blackburn Building requested by the Department of Public Works.

[English]

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—NUMBER OF JUDGES

Question No. 2,146—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

How many judges hold office (a) in Canada (b) in each province, by virtue of a federal government appointment?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): (a) 457. (b) Supreme Court of Canada, 9; Federal Court of Canada, 12; Ontario, 140; Quebec, 107; Nova Scotia, 17; New Brunswick, 17; Manitoba, 23; British Columbia, 47; Prince Edward Island, 7; Saskatchewan, 31; Alberta, 36; Newfoundland, 9; Northwest Territories, 1; Yukon Territory, 1.

AVERAGE SALARY OF JUDGES

Question No. 2,154—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

What was the average salary in (a) October 1971 (b) October 1965 of judges appointed by the federal government?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): (a) \$30,582; (b) \$19,351.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

POST OFFICE—CHRISTMAS MAILING DEADLINES

Question No. 2,158—**Mr. Nesbitt:**

With reference to a recent coloured pamphlet issued by the Post Office Department concerning Christmas mailing deadlines and also announcing Season's Greetings to all and sundry (a) how many of these pamphlets were purchased (b) were tenders called for the printing of these pamphlets and, if so (i) how many tenders were submitted (ii) what was the name of the firm that was awarded the contract (c) what was the total cost of the pamphlets?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): (a) 2,000,000. (b) Yes. (i) 15; (ii) Montreal Lithographing Ltd. (c) \$54,100.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE CENTRES

Question No. 1,931—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many meteorological service centres are there in Canada and where is each one located?

2. Does the government intend to expand the meteorological service and, if so, in what way?

3. To what extent is meteorological information obtained by satellites?

4. To what extent does Canada integrate its meteorological service with other countries?

Return tabled.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the parliamentary secretary when I can expect answers to my questions Nos. 1278 and 1279 which have been on the order paper since April 6 and deal with the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?

Mr. Jerome: Just as soon as possible, Mr. Speaker.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND U.S. PRESIDENT—SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION—PRIOR DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICY

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister who I was interested and pleased to see has requested a meeting with the President of the United States. In view of the fact the Prime Minister has rejected suggestions over the past three months that it would be a good idea for him to meet with the President of the United States, can he tell the House what specific factors now make it desirable for him to have a meeting with the president?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have never rejected the idea of a meeting with the President. On the contrary, I said he was to visit Canada in the spring some time. The question was one of timing. The timing is more appropriate now and that is why the meeting will happen now.

Mr. Stanfield: As I understand it, the meeting is taking place at the request of the Prime Minister. Can the right