

Questions

WHARF MAINTENANCE, ST. MARTINS, N.B.

Question No. 1,931—Mr. Bell:

With respect to the wharf and/or breakwater at St. Martins, Saint John county, New Brunswick, what maintenance and repair work has been completed, including the expenditures, and what is planned for the future?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Wharf: repairs were carried out during the fiscal year 1963-64 at a cost of \$17,165.64.

West breakwater: repairs now underway by contract at a cost of \$34,465.

East breakwater: repairs being considered for 1965-66, subject to funds being provided.

POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION, CRAPAUD, P.E.I.

Question No. 1,938—Mr. Macquarrie:

1. When was land acquired for the erection of a post office at Crapaud, Prince Edward Island?
2. What is the area of the land acquired?
3. From whom was it acquired?
4. What amount was paid for the land?
5. At what date was construction commenced and what is completion date?
6. What are the dimensions of the building?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): 1. On February 14, 1964.

2. 7,500 square feet.
3. From Mr. A. P. Simmons.
4. \$1,000.
5. Work commenced in March 1964 and was completed in September 1964.
6. The dimensions are 24' x 20'.

*ADDITIONS TO CANADA COUNCIL
ENDOWMENT FUND**Question No. 1,940—Mr. Knowles:**

1. Has the government given consideration to the request of the Canada council for additions to its endowment fund to enable the council to extend its work along the lines set out in its brief to the government, dated March 3, 1964 and, if so, what decision has been made?

2. If no favourable decision has yet been made, is the matter still under consideration?

Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): This question is in two parts. The answer to the first part is yes, and the answer to part 2 is yes.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a question of privilege, how can "yes" be a satisfactory answer to the question "What decision has been made?"

Mr. Stewart: I will certainly have to ascertain how "yes" would be a satisfactory answer to the question as put.

[Mr. Pennell.]

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stewart: Mr. Speaker, may I respond to the point of privilege raised earlier by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre concerning the answer to starred question 1,940. I now have had a chance to consider the suitability of the reply. I think if the hon. member will examine the two affirmative replies given, he will understand immediately.

Mr. Knowles: May I ask a supplementary question related to the reply just made by the parliamentary secretary. Since the question we are discussing, starred question No. 1,940, asks whether consideration has been given to certain matters, and then adds these words, "If so what decision has been made," how does he construe "yes" as a satisfactory answer to that? I should like to know what decision has been made.

Mr. Stewart: There are two parts to the question. The second part, as put down by the hon. member himself, reads:

If no favourable decision has yet been made, is the matter still under consideration?

The answer to the second part was "yes".

NATIONAL NUCLEAR FORCES WITHIN NATO

Question No. 1,987—Mr. Gray:

What was the latest statement of Canadian policy on the question of the creation of national nuclear forces within NATO?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In my speech to the Atlantic treaty association I made the following remarks with regard to national nuclear forces:

The fact of the matter, then, is that some western European countries feel that they should have a greater share in the military direction of the alliance. Some of these countries have tried to meet this problem by creating a national nuclear force. This is not, however, a feasible course for most members nor do we regard it, on balance, as a desirable course, certainly for us, to follow.

These are the actual words that were used in the speech to the Atlantic treaty association and are in accordance with established Canadian government policy.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR
RETURNS

SALE OF CARIBOU AIRCRAFT TO INDIA

Question No. 1,744—Mr. Nesbitt:

1. In April or May, 1963, was a loan made to India in connection with the sale of a number of Caribou aircraft?