

## Questions

Chemicals used are normally of the soil sterilant type, such as Hyvar-ex, Karmex, Simazine, Atrazine and a 50-50 mixture of 2-4-D and 2-4-5-T.

## RATE PAID CNR SUPERNUMERARY EMPLOYEES

Question No. 377—**Mr. Matte:**

What rate is paid to supernumerary employees of the Canadian National Railways (a) in Ontario (b) in Quebec, and is time-and-a-half paid after 45 hours in these provinces?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: As there is no designated position of "supernumerary" employee in the railway, the following reply is based on the assumption the question relates to extra gang labourers.

Pursuant to the collective agreement with the labour organization concerned the current rate of pay for these employees across Canada, after a probationary period of seventy-eight days, is \$1.889 per hour increasing to \$1.979 per hour after 156 days of service. There is no fixed rate of pay during the probationary period, however, employees generally average \$1.75 per hour. Effective January 1st, 1970, these rates will be increased by 6½ per cent.

The agreement also provides for these employees to work up to nine hours per day six days a week at straight time rates of pay. During the probationary period all overtime is worked at straight time, thereafter, overtime at time and a half is only paid after nine hours in any one day and for service on Sundays.

RENOVATION OF FEDERAL BUILDING,  
AMHERST, N.S.Question No. 378—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date will tenders be called again for the renovation of the federal building which contains the post office at Amherst, Nova Scotia?

2. On what date does the government estimate a start will be made on the proposed renovations?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. The date for the recall of tenders has not been established due to further changes in the space requirements of one of the client departments.

2. Answered by Part 1.

CONSTRUCTION OF FEDERAL BUILDING,  
AMHERST, N.S.Question No. 379—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what dates will tenders be called and close for the construction of a new federal building at Amherst, Nova Scotia?

2. On what date will the project be completed?

[Mr. Loiselle.]

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. Dates for the calling and closing of tenders for the construction of a new federal building at Amherst, N.S. have not been established, due to further changes in the space requirements of one of the client departments.

2. The completion date has not been determined.

PUBLIC WORKS OUTSIDE CONSULTANT  
STUDIESQuestion No. 399—**Mr. Skoberg:**

What verbal agreement was negotiated on consultant fees between the Government of Canada and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and Provincial Associations of the Professional Engineers of Canada as mentioned in the reply to Question No. 1256, Tabled on May 14, 1969?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** Fees for architectural consultants are paid at a standard rate across Canada based on a schedule approved by Treasury Board on April 28, 1960, and as a result of representations made by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Fees for Engineering consultant services are based on the standard provincial tariff for fees established for such services by the provincial associations of Professional Engineers in the province in which the project is located.

REQUESTS TO CHARTER AIR CANADA PLANES  
BY FRANCE-QUEBEC OFFICEQuestion No. 432—**Mr. Fortin:**

Did Air Canada receive requests for information from the France-Quebec Office regarding the chartering of a number of aircraft and, if so, were these requests answered and, if not, for what reason?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The management of Air Canada advises as follows: Various discussions with L'Office Franco-québécois pour la Jeunesse regarding the carriage of passengers between Quebec and Paris have been carried on since 1968. Air Canada is actively engaged in negotiations with this organization for traffic moving under its auspices in 1970.

## STABLE TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR FARES

Question No. 435—**Mr. Crouse:**

Has the government reached any agreement with members of the International Air Transport Association concerning a stable price on trans-Atlantic air fares and, if so, what decision was reached on group excursion fares, as well as on individual fares, for 14 and 21 day periods?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The Canadian