

Questions

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): In so far as the Department of National Defence is concerned there is no record of 20 editors of the weekly newspapers making a two week tour to the headquarters of major international agencies in Europe during March 1966.

TRIP TO NORAD BY WEEKLY NEWS-PAPER EDITORS

Question No. 1,453—**Mr. Herridge:**

What was the total cost to any department of the government of Canada for the transportation, hotel accommodation, meals, and other expenses of the editors of weekly newspapers in Canada to NORAD headquarters in the United States, for briefings on nuclear weapons and other matters during the years 1963 and 1964?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): 1. 1963, \$3,115; 1964, \$4,700.

POST OFFICE, PARRSBORO, N.S.

Question No. 1,456—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Has the Department of Public Works determined the cost of modernizing the post office at Parrsboro, Nova Scotia and, if so, what is the estimated cost of modernization?

2. Will investigations continue by the department to secure an alternate site for a new federal building at Parrsboro?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. No. Because of the age, design, size and construction of the present building modernization is not feasible.

2. Yes.

TACONITE PRODUCTION

Question No. 1,466—**Mr. Isabelle:**

1. Where are the principal deposits of taconite in Canada located?

2. What American or Canadian companies operate these mines?

3. Are there any taconite reduction plants in Canada and, if so (a) how many are there (b) who operates them?

4. How many tons of concentrated or pelletized taconite are exported annually and to what countries are they exported?

5. How many tons are used annually by Canadian steel mills?

Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):

1. If by the term "taconite" is meant an iron bearing deposit from which the mined material must be finely ground (under 100 mesh) to free the iron mineral then the principal taconite deposits in Canada are in northern Ontario and Quebec.

2. Accepting the above definition there are four taconite mining operations in Canada, three in Ontario and one in Quebec. Two additional ones are being developed in Ontario for production in 1967-68. The three mines in Ontario are owned and operated by American companies; fifty per cent of the Quebec operation is held by a Canadian company; the two Ontario mines being developed are optioned by Canadian companies. Optionees of the deposits being mined are Bethlehem Steel Company, National Steel Company, Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation (U.S. companies) and the Steel Company of Canada, Limited. The latter company and Dominion Foundries and Steel, Limited (Can. companies) have optioned the two deposits being developed for production.

3. Each of the facilities in (2) above consists of a mine, a concentrator and a pelletizing plant. Therefore, at present there are four taconite pelletizing plants in Canada operated in conjunction with mines and concentrators of the companies in (2) above. In addition, there are six other operations in Canada that ship iron ore pellets from beneficiating-grade iron ore by-product material and others that ship concentrates; none of the deposits from which these pellets and concentrates are produced are termed taconites.

4. Of taconite pellet production by the companies in (2) above in 1965, amounting to 3 million long tons, 2.1 million tons were exported to the United States.

5. Shipments of pellets from taconites in 1965 to Canadian steel mills were 900,000 tons. Small shipments of concentrate are included in this total.

MOSS RESEARCH STATION, MIMINEGASH, P.E.I.

Question No. 1,471—**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):**

Is a research station having to do with the Irish moss industry being built at Miminegash, P.E.I. and, if so (a) when did construction begin on this plant (b) what buildings are involved (c) what tenders were submitted and to whom were the contracts awarded (d) what will be the main functions of this plant (e) when is it expected to be in operation (f) how many men will be employed (g) what kind of training or experience will be needed by these men (h) what local service contracts will be awarded and when will the tenders be called?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Yes: an experimental seaweed processing plant. (a) Contract was let in October 1965. (b) (i) A processing and storage building (ii) a manager's residence. (c) For the