

Inquiries of the Ministry

LABOUR RELATIONS

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

WINTER WORKS PROJECTS, COMPTON-FRONTENAC CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 1,036—Mr. Latulippe:

1. Have one or several applications from the town of East Angus in the constituency of Compton-Frontenac, been received for federal assistance in winter works projects and, if so, (a) for what projects, and what are the respective amounts granted in each case (b) has the federal government received claims from the provincial auditor for payment of the federal share?

2. Have one or several applications from the town of Cookshire in the constituency of Compton-Frontenac been received for federal assistance in winter works projects and, if so (a) for what projects, and what are the respective amounts granted in each case (b) has the federal government received claims from the provincial auditor for payment of the federal share?

3. Have one or several applications from other municipalities in the constituency of Compton-Frontenac been received and, if so (a) what municipalities (b) what were the works projects in each (c) what sums were granted in each case (d) were claims made by the provincial auditor for each of these cases?

Return tabled.

EXPENDITURES ON CAMP SITES AND PICNIC GROUNDS

Question No. 1,044—Mr. Hamilton:

1. What is the total amount spent by the federal government on camp sites and picnic grounds under all programs in the fiscal years 1957-58 to 1962-63 and, of this, what amount was spent in each province?

2. What is the estimated number of camp grounds and picnic sites, by provinces, that have resulted from (a) the trans-Canada program and (b) the winter works camp ground and picnic site program?

3. Is there any estimate, by provinces, of camp ground spaces that their program provided and, if so, what is the number by provinces?

Return tabled.

TOURIST PROMOTION EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,067—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. What was the total dollar value of the tourist industry to the Canadian economy in 1962?

2. What was the total grant made by the government of Canada to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1962?

3. What role does the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation play in encouraging the tourist industry through (a) its television facilities (b) its radio facilities and (c) its overseas transmissions?

4. Does the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation have any plans to expand its tourist promotion activities?

Return tabled.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER—THREATENED STRIKE OF LONGSHOREMEN

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the serious consequences to the movement of grain through the St. Lawrence ports, what action is the government contemplating to abort the threatened walkout of longshoremen at Three Rivers, Quebec and Montreal on Friday? What is the general plan, and what is being done in this connection?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, as I understand it the strike vote was taken yesterday among the longshoremen following a recommendation from a committee within their organization which had previously decided to reject the unanimous report of the conciliation board that had dealt with this dispute. Within the law a legal strike cannot occur until Friday of this week. In the meantime the Department of Labour is keeping in touch with the situation, and every possible consideration is presently being given to what constructive role the department, or a representative named by the department, might take in resolving the difficulty before the expiry of the strike notice.

Mr. Diefenbaker: As a supplementary question, is this threatened strike in any way attributable to the close relationship which existed in the past between Hal Banks of the S.I.U. and the international longshoremen's association?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, the outcome at the present time is the direct result of a long series of steps taken since the beginning of this year to reach a work contract between the Shipping Federation of Canada and the longshoremen's union. That is, of course, a sequence of events with which I think we are all familiar. I do not comment, nor do I have any knowledge which would allow me to comment, on any association between this particular decision and Mr. Banks.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): As a supplementary question, in the event that no solution is possible between the two parties to this dispute, is the minister contemplating or planning putting in a mediator in order to bring about a settlement prior to a strike?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I think my answer to the Leader of the Opposition indicated that this is one of the possible lines of action that might be taken by the department.