

## Questions

**Mr. Chevrier:** The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. No.
2. See answer to No. 1.
3. 9.49 miles in the province of Alberta, operation of which ceased in 1948.

**SYDNEY PILOTAGE DISTRICT—SUPERINTENDENT OF PILOTS**

**Mr. MacLean (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

Has a master's foreign-going certificate of competency always been demanded for the position of superintendent of pilots in the Sydney pilotage district?

**Mr. Chevrier:** No. However, the former superintendent of pilots at Sydney, Nova Scotia, the late Captain Norman Noel, held a master's coasting certificate issued before the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, came into force. This form of certificate, which is no longer issued, enabled the holder to sail as master of a ship of Canadian registry anywhere on the coasts of North America excepting only voyages through the Bering strait, and anywhere on the coasts of South America as far south as 40 degrees south latitude. The holder of such a certificate retained the rights and privileges thereof after the Canada Shipping Act came into force, but the same privileges required thereafter the holding of a foreign-going certificate.

**POST OFFICE—REVENUE AND COST OF MAIL CONTRACTS**

**Mr. Fulton:**

1. What were the total revenues received in the fiscal years 1948-49 and 1949-50 respectively, from the sale of postage stamps?
2. What was the cost to the dominion government in the same years for all contracts for the carriage of mail by land, sea and air?

**Mr. Lapointe:**

1.		1948-49	
(a)	Postage stamps .....	\$56,317,569.86	
(b)	Postage meters .....	26,772,032.53	
(c)	Postage paid in cash..	6,543,115.20	
	Total .....	\$89,632,717.59	
		1949-50	
(a)	Postage stamps .....	\$57,249,306.24	
(b)	Postage meters .....	29,518,534.76	
(c)	Postage paid in cash..	6,774,075.51	
	Total .....	\$93,542,016.51	
2.			
Mail services		1948-49	1949-50
Land ....	\$20,541,504.03		\$21,769,719.71
Sea .....	2,512,115.95		2,117,488.80
Air .....	7,772,492.33		8,298,202.31

[Mr. Catherwood.]

**BOUCHARD PLANT, STE. THERESE, QUE.**

**Mr. Bertrand:**

1. On March 31, 1949, how many civil servants were being paid on a monthly basis at the Bouchard plant, Ste. Therese?
2. On April 1, 1949, were any of such persons placed on the list of employees paid by the hour?
3. If so, how many, and what was the reason for the change?

**Mr. Blanchette:**

1. 104.
2. Yes.
3. Fifty-eight employees were placed on hourly rates of pay to bring them in line with other employees engaged on similar duties under approved prevailing rates established for Ste. Therese area on the recommendation of the Department of Labour.

**Mr. Bertrand:**

1. Does the Bouchard plant at Ste. Therese come under military district No. 4?
2. What military establishments are under the jurisdiction of military district No. 4?
3. Is the hourly rate of pay in all these establishments the same as the rate of pay in force in the establishments on the island of Montreal?
4. If not, for what reasons?

**Mr. Blanchette:**

1. No. The Bouchard plant is administered direct by army headquarters, Ottawa.
2. Headquarters Quebec command; No. 4 works company, Royal Canadian Engineers; Quebec command signal squadron, Royal Canadian Signals; Headquarters Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Quebec command; No. 4 detachment, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps; Headquarters, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, Quebec command; No. 3 area ordnance depot; Headquarters Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Quebec command; No. 4 company, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Quebec command pay office; Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps School; No. 4 personnel depot; "A" and support company, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Regiment; No. 4 company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps; Headquarters Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Quebec command; Montreal military hospital; Quebec Command Provost Company.
3. No.
4. Hourly rate employees at Bouchard plant, Ste. Therese, are paid at the prevailing rates established on the recommendation of the Department of Labour.

**NORTH SYDNEY—PORT AUX BASQUES FERRY SERVICE**

**Mr. Higgins:**

What steps have been taken to provide a motor car ferry to ply between North Sydney and Port aux Basques?