

Starred Questions

4. Has the economic survey of the proposed Chignecto canal been completed?

5. If not, when is it expected it will be completed?

6. If completed, when will the report be tabled in the House of Commons?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): The answer is as follows:

1. No.

2. The present stage of the study is too preliminary for determination of the total amount of work to be done. Therefore a completion date cannot be established at the present time. The last meeting with New Brunswick officials was held on March 14, and further meetings are planned.

3. Not applicable.

4. No.

5. All information required to assess the economic feasibility has not yet been received, and until it has, the time required for analysis of it cannot be determined.

6. Not applicable.

EXTENSION OF LAND MAIL SERVICE
CONTRACTS, N.B.

Question No. 230—Mr. McWilliam:

1. How many requests for extension of land mail service contracts in New Brunswick were refused since July 1957?

2. What are the names of the persons making these requests, and the names of the land mail services?

3. In how many of these cases were the awarded tender prices higher than the previous contracts?

Hon. W. M. Hamilton (Postmaster General):

1. 4.

2. Mr. J. Roy McWilliam, M.P., Chatham and street letter boxes; Mr. Murray Paget, mail contractor, Lakeville and Woodstock; Mr. Guy C. Clark, mail contractor, Upper Woodstock, R.R. No. 1; Mr. Alexandre Daigle, Jr., mail contractor, Kouchibouguac and Richibucto.

3. None.

C.N.R. DISPATCHING FACILITIES, PRINCE
GEORGE, B.C.

Question No. 231—Mr. Howard:

1. What accommodation is presently available to the Canadian National Railways in Prince George, B.C., for the dispatching facilities which are to be moved to that city from Smithers, B.C.?

2. Is any additional accommodation required for the said dispatching facilities, and, if so, what sort, and what will be the cost of providing such additional accommodation?

3. Will Canadian National Railways have to rent any buildings or accommodation at Prince George, B.C., for the said dispatching facilities, and, if so, what will be the (a) monthly (b) annual rent payable?

4. From whom will such accommodation be rented?

5. In what way will the relocation of the dispatching facilities be more efficient or economical?

[Mr. McWilliam.]

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the management of Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. The plan is to provide for conversion of express quarters into a suitable dispatching office. Minimum renovation costs only will be involved in providing this accommodation.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. No.

4. Answered by No. 3.

5. The relocation of the dispatching office and facilities will enable them to be located where the natural division of traffic occurs, with approximately 50 per cent moving between Prince George and Jasper and the remainder between Prince George and Prince Rupert. The location of the facilities at Prince George will simplify and result in more efficient handling of interchange traffic with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway at that point.

FLOOD THREATS TO INDIAN RESERVES, GRAND
RAPIDS DEVELOPMENT

Question No. 232—Mr. Howard:

1. Is any Indian reserve threatened with flooding as a result of the Grand Rapids power development, and, if so, what is the name of each such reserve, its area, and the band membership?

2. What steps are being taken to provide compensation to the said bands for the loss of their land, and, if any price has been agreed upon, what is it in so far as each reserve is concerned?

3. Are any steps being taken to provide substitute reserve land for these bands, and, if so, what steps, and where will the new reserves be established, and what will be the acreage of each?

4. Are any arrangements being made to finance the movement of the band members to the new reserves, or any other place, and, if so, what are the details of these arrangements?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the answers are as follows:

1. Yes, partially. Moose Lake reserve and Chemawawin reserve, which together comprise a total area of approximately 9,072 acres. The membership of the bands is Moose Lake, 185 and Chemawawin, 221.

2, 3 and 4. These matters are under discussion with the Manitoba department of mines and natural resources acting for the Manitoba hydroelectric board.

TEACHER'S RESIDENCE, CAUGHNAWAGA INDIAN
RESERVE

Question No. 233—Mr. Lessard:

1. Is the Department of Public Works building a teacher's residence on the Caughnawaga Indian reserve?

2. If so, have any complaints been received about the materials being used in this building?

3. If there have been any complaints, has an investigation been made, and what is the result of the investigation?