

Questions

proven safe, the wearing of protective clothing, procedure to be followed and equipment on hand to cope with the rescue of personnel who get into difficulties in the tank.

6. On this occasion no briefings were given prior to the personnel entering the tanks concerning the toxic effect of aviation gasoline fumes or on procedures for dealing with the rescue of personnel who might be overcome by fumes.

7. (a) Yes, a Service Board Inquiry has been held. It was the opinion of the Board that the personnel in question died on duty and that they were not to blame for their own deaths. Among the Board's recommendations were that all personnel concerned with the aviation fuels be given a special course in the Fleet School as a prerequisite for such employment. The Board considered that more emphasis must be placed upon the training of personnel employed in the handling of aviation gasoline on the dangerous nature of the product with which they are dealing, and the extremely serious consequences which are likely to occur if the regulations are not adhered to; and that in future, gas freeing of high octaine aviation fuel storages be carried out using other available, safer and more effective venting and cleaning procedures; (b) Action is being taken to implement the recommendations of the Board of Inquiry.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—TAXI CONTRACT

Question No. 849—**Mr. Dumont:**

1. For how many years has the contract been awarded to Red Line Taxi Company for limousine service at the Ottawa International Airport?

2. What was the amount of this contract?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. In 1947 Red Line Taxi entered into an agreement with the Department for ground transportation at Uplands Airport. Prior to this they operated by an arrangement with Air Canada (TCA).

The original agreement was superseded by a contract in 1952. In 1964 a new five year contract was negotiated. This contract terminated in December 1968 and was renewed on a year to year basis.

2. 1947-1964 at 10 per cent of the gross revenue. 1964-1968 at 10 per cent of the gross revenue from the limousine service plus 20

[Mr. Cadieux (Labelle).]

cents per occupied taxi departure from the Air Terminal Building. 1969- 5 per cent of the gross revenue from the limousine service plus 15 cents per occupied taxi departure from the Air Terminal Building.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES

Question No. 864—**Mr. Nesbitt:**

1. How many community development officers or community development workers were on the staff of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in British Columbia as of November 30, 1969?

2. How many community development officers or community development workers were on the staff of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in British Columbia as of November 30, 1968?

3. Is it the policy of the Department to reduce the number of community development officers or community development workers employed by the Department in British Columbia and, if so, is that for reasons of austerity or if for other reasons, what are they?

4. Has the Department received communications from spokesmen of the Indian people in British Columbia to the effect that there is a need for more community development workers in British Columbia and, if so, from whom have these complaints come and what was the response in each case?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Twelve.

2. Fourteen.

3. No.

4. Yes, from Mr. Simon J. Reece, Chairman, North Coast District Council. The reply stated that there were no cutbacks in community development services in British Columbia although reassignment to different communities based on need did occur. Mr. Reece was assured in the letter that any community's request for the services of a community development worker would be given every consideration.

LAC SAINT-JEAN, QUE.—PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Question No. 882—**Mr. Lessard (Lac-Saint-Jean):**

1. What projects have been carried out by the Department of Public Works in the constituency of Lac Saint-Jean during 1968-69 and 1969-70 to date, and what was the cost of each?

2. How many projects will be completed or begun between now and the end of the current fiscal year in the constituency of Lac Saint-Jean?