(a) Date (b) Purchaser

(c) Amount

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essence of the pension increase, the periods covered and all the other essential information.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. At the moment there is no document in the possession of the House and no document which the parliamentary secretary is prepared to table. I do not see how I can seek consent to table. In light of the parliamentary secretary's suggestion that he may have the document later today or tomorrow, perhaps consent could be sought at that time.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, that is what I was going to suggest. It would be appropriate to have this information on today's *Hansard*. Perhaps if the parliamentary secretary has the document later today, we can revert to the appropriate item and put it in at that time

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(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,807, 2,430 and 2,444.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred questions Nos. 2,319, 2,322 and 2,448?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

DREDGING EQUIPMENT BOUGHT AND SOLD DURING PAST FIVE YEARS

Question No. 1,807—Mr. Forrestall:

1. Has the Department of Public Works purchased, in the past five years, dredging equipment from any private dredging company in Canada and, if so (a) from which firm (b) for what amount (c) for what purpose?

2. During the past five years, has the government sold any dredging equipment to any company and, if so (a) on what date (b) to which company (c) for what amount?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Public Works and Crown Assets Disposal Corporation as follows: 1. No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

2. The Department of Public Works has not sold any dredging equipment to any company. Any dredging equipment that becomes surplus to the Department's requirements would be turned over to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for disposal. In so far as the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation is concerned:

(a) Date	(b) Purchaser	(c) Amount
July 15, 1969	Government of Nfld.	\$ 1,000.00

(a) Date	(b) Furchaser	(c) Amount
January 31, 1971	Mr. Gordon Boisseau 1105 St. Cyrille Ouest Québec, Qué.	13,110.50
June 16, 1971	Province of P.E.I. Charlottetown, P.E.I.	300,00
August 11, 1971	Dept. of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Maritime Region	100.00
August 11, 1971	Dept. of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Maritime Region	45.00
July 28, 1971	Verreault Navigation Inc. Les Méchins Co. Matane, Qué.	2,800.00
May 1, 1973	Ministry of Transport Quebec, Que.	5, 228.00
April 10, 1974	Réal Rioux Inc. Co. Matane, Québec	10, 150, 00
April 22, 1974	Oak Bay Marina Ltd. Victoria, B.C.	37,681.00
August 13, 1974	West Coast Salvage and Cart Co. Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.	8,556.00
January 15, 1975	Mr. J. R. MacDonald Charlottetown, P.E.I.	700.00

*CN—WITHDRAWAL OF TSS "PRINCE GEORGE" FROM SERVICE Question No. 2,319—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):

- 1. Is it the intention of the government to permit CN Steamships to withdraw TSS *Prince George* from service after its recent small fire?
- 2. Has CN Steamships given consideration to the repair of the fire damage to put the vessel back in service?
- 3. Is the government aware that the withdrawal of the vessel from service will put 122 crew members out of work as well as office and dock staff?
- 4. What steps is the government taking to find alternative employment for the seamen and shore staff?
- 5. Is the government prepared to see the carriage of tourists along the Pacific Coast become even more in the hands of foreign flag vessels?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, in light of the rather lengthy answer, I wonder if hon. members would permit me to table this as read.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's Note: The answer referred to above follows:]

- 1. CNSS Prince George suffered a major fire, sustaining damages in excess of \$400,000 and rendering the vessel unseaworthy. As a result, the vessel had to be put out of service.
- 2. CN has performed an appraisal of the damage sustained. The estimate is that more than two months and a sum of about \$400,000 would be required to return the