

crossing. No attempt has been made to estimate the numbers of men who will be employed indirectly or in related work because of the construction of the crossing. Estimates relating to an undertaking of this kind become increasingly tentative for each future year.

2. The estimate of the numbers of men to be employed on the site in 1967 and the next three years are respectively as follows: (a) 621, (b) 1549, (c) 1833, and (d) 2004. Figures beyond 1970 are very highly tentative.

3. The standard government contract clause will apply. Clause 27(2) of the general conditions of the standard government construction contract states: "Subject to subsection (1) the contractor will employ labour from the locality where the work is being executed to the extent to which it is available and shall use the offices of the National Employment Service in the recruitment of workers wherever practicable."

4. The government of Canada, under the technical and vocational training agreement, is assisting the provincial government of Prince Edward Island in training men for this project. Thirty men are now enrolled in a course on basic heavy duty maintenance. This course will be repeated three times. Six men are in a course on welding. This course will be repeated. Nine are in the tugboat masters course. Fifty-two are in a boat crew course; and 60 already have completed this course. Twelve are enrolled in an up-grading course for carpenters. Additional training courses will be started when the requirements are anticipated.

5. A total of 284 men have obtained direct employment on this project.

6. 149.

7. A contract has been awarded; and the work entailed is now about 35 per cent complete.

8. The work entailed by the contract awarded on November 3, 1965, has been completed. The approach road has now been brought to the standard required for the construction of the crossing.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE,
RIMOUSKI, QUE.

Question No. 2,435—**Mr. LeBlanc (Rimouski):**

1. How many job vacancies were brought to the attention of the National Employment Service office in Rimouski during 1965-66?

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2. How many persons obtained work through the National Employment Service office in Rimouski during that same year?

3. Which ridings are included in the area covered by this office?

[Translation]

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. There were 3,734 job vacancies brought to the attention of the National Employment Service office in Rimouski in the year 1965. A comparative figure for 1966 was 3,241.

2. The number of persons placed by the same office in the year 1965 was 3,301; for the year 1966 a comparative figure amounted to 2,845.

3. The area covered by the Manpower Centre in Rimouski includes:

(1) Electoral district of Rimouski, excluding that area which is a part of the county of Rivière du Loup.

(2) Eight municipalities which form a part of Matapédia-Matane electoral district:

Price

Grand-Métis

St-Octave-de-Métis

St. Antoine-de-Padoue

St. Noël

St. Moïse

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc

St. Damase

[English]

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES, POLYMER CORPORATION

Question No. 2,445—**Mr. Grégoire:**

1. Does Polymer Corporation Limited pay school taxes?

2. If so (a) what were the amounts paid in the last three years (b) for each of those three years, what amounts were paid (i) to the public schools (ii) to the separate schools?

[Translation]

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Insofar as Polymer Corporation Limited is concerned:

"As a crown company, Polymer Corporation is not legally obligated to pay municipal or school taxes. However, it does make an annual grant to the city of Sarnia in the same amount as its total municipal tax would be (including the amount for schools) if it was subject to tax."