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Total amounts paid to June 27, 1966 are: Quebec, \$4,219,073; Ontario, \$3,700,000; total: \$7,919,073.

The total federal cost of these programs will, it is estimated, be \$13,000,000.

In addition the net cost of providing emergency water supplies was \$21,793.

2. The federal government was not involved in any efforts to produce rain.

## EXTENSION OF RUNWAYS, MONCTON AIRPORT

Question No. 1,774—**Mr. Coates:**

Is it the intention of the government to initiate the construction and expansion of runways at Moncton, New Brunswick, earlier than was otherwise expected in order to provide a suitable landing strip for DC-9 jet service by Air Canada and, if so, when will tenders be called and what is the expected completion date of the runway extension?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The need for extending the runways at Moncton, N.B. to accommodate Air Canada's DC-9 aircraft is currently under study and it is expected that the necessary improvements will be undertaken sometime in 1967. It is not possible to estimate the date that tenders will be called or when the project will be completed until a decision has been reached as to which runway or runways should be lengthened or strengthened.

## WAGE RATES ON FEDERAL CONTRACTS, P.E.I.

Question No. 1,778—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. Did the federal government receive a request from the Minister of Labour of the province of Prince Edward Island to respect its prevailing minimum wage rates in all federal contracts performed in Prince Edward Island and also for the work to be done on the P.E.I. causeway?

2. If so, is it the intention of the federal government to ensure that minimum rates on federal projects and on the causeway construction will not be below the provincial standards?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Department of Labour as follows:

1. No. But the minister of welfare and labour of the province of Prince Edward Island sent to the Department of Labour's office in Fredericton, N. B., a copy of a minute of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council dated June 7, 1966, applicable to certain provincial projects, with the request that wage rates for federal projects be brought up to provincial government standards.

[Mr. Greene.]

2. Minimum wage rates on all federal government construction contracts are established on the standards set by the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act.

DISPOSITION OF ST. CHRISTOPHE ISLAND,  
ST. MAURICE RIVER

Question No. 1791—**Mr. Mongrain:**

1. Did the federal government assign St. Christophe island, situated at the mouth of the St. Maurice river, to the municipality of Trois-Rivières?

2. If so, under what terms and conditions was this assignment made?

[Translation]

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. and 2. The Department of Public Works has approved "in principle" to grant a renewable long-term lease (21 years) to the city of Trois-Rivières regarding a portion of land owned by the department at St. Christophe Island. The lease would stipulate that this piece of land may be used as a public park or for recreational purposes, but cannot be used for commercial or industrial purposes.

We are also proposing to dedicate to the city other parcels of land on Ile St. Christophe as road allowances for accesses or approaches to the St. Quentin Bridge and the Ile Caron Bridge. The proposed transfer would be conditional upon the city assuming the good maintenance of these road accesses to the bridges for the interest of the public and that of our other lessees on Ile St. Christophe.

## MAIL TENDERS, R.R. 2, MATAPÉDIA, QUE.

Question No. 1,794—**Mr. Keays:**

1. Have tenders been called recently for mail delivery on rural route No. 2—Matapédia, Sellarsville, Broadlands and Kempt Road?

2. If so, how many bids were received and in what amounts?

3. Has the contract been awarded and to whom?

4. If not, for what reason?

5. Were there any representations made that the lowest bidder be not accepted?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** 1. The recent call for tenders on Matapédia Rural Route No. 2 closed on June 8, 1966.

2. Two bids were received within the time limit specified in the tender notices: James Randolph Adams, Matapédia, \$2,995; William Edgar Downs, R.R. No. 2, Matapédia, \$3,200.