

Order Paper Questions

CANADA-NEWFOUNDLAND SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT

Question No. 1,607—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. What are the names and positions of the members of the Management Committee overseeing the implementation of projects specified in Section 3 of the Canada-Newfoundland Subsidiary Agreement on Highways?

2. With respect to project description No. 4, "Northern Peninsula Highway classification RCU 50 alignment and RCU cross-section at estimated cost of \$2,430,000.00", what is the present status and expected completion date for (a) re-construction and grading from Daniel's Harbour towards Hawke's Bay, 13 miles (b) access road to zinc mine in Daniel's Harbour, 4 miles (c) two bridges at Bowing Brook and Bound Brook?

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is: 1. R. H. McGee (Co-Chairman), Director General, Newfoundland Department of Regional Economic Expansion, St. John's, Newfoundland. J. A. G. MacDonald (Co-Chairman), Deputy Minister, Dept. of Transportation and Communications, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's, Newfoundland. Cyril Abery, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's, Newfoundland.

2. (a) Reconstruction and grading from Daniel's Harbour towards Hawke's Bay, 13 miles: Complete. (b) Access road to zinc mine in Daniel's Harbour: Complete. (c) Two bridges at Bowing Brook and Bound Brook: not begun yet. The estimated date of completion is September 10, 1975.

LIP—AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Question No. 1,664—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Is the government giving consideration to authorizing additional funds for the Local Initiatives Programme and extending the expiry date to April 30, 1975?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): At the present time such consideration is not being given. There is no fixed expiry date for the program. The termination date for any given project varies depending upon the project's starting date. A 1974-75 LIP project may operate for a maximum of 26 weeks, commencing as early as December 1, 1974 and as late as January 31, 1975.

LITERATURE FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF TOURISM

Question No. 1,677—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Canadian Government Office of Tourism sending out literature to predominantly English speaking areas in Canada in the French language only and, if so, what are all the reasons for doing this?

2. (a) For what reason did the Canadian Government Office of Tourism send literature in the French language only to Mrs. Ruth MacLeod of Brockville, Ontario in answer to a request received from her written in the English language (b) did the Office receive a second letter from Mrs. MacLeod drawing this situation to their attention and, if so, on what date and what action has been taken?

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. The Canadian Government Office of Tourism services inquiries according to the language of the inquirer.

[Mr. Foster.]

2. (a) Mrs. Ruth MacLeod should have been sent English literature. Unfortunately, however, she was sent French publications due to a clerical error in the coding process. (b) The Canadian Government Office of Tourism receives over 2 million inquiries per year. Due to this volume, serviced inquiries are not kept. In a telephone conversation with Mrs. MacLeod, it was determined that she had not received a second package, possibly because of the current mail strike. A back-up package has been prepared and sent.

*RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCE

Question No. 1,678—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Has the government decided whether or not to ratify the proposed Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences flowing from the UNCTAD meetings of 1973 and 1974 and (a) if not, is the matter being studied (b) if so, what decision has been made?

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): (a) A Canadian international shipping policy is currently under review and will include a study of the implications of the Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences for Canada. (b) No decision has been made as to whether or not the Canadian government will ratify the code. Canada abstained on the voting on the Convention on the Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences in April 1974 on the grounds that certain provisions of this code would enable national shipping lines to secure pooling or sailing agreements with a conference for other than normal commercial considerations. In addition the conciliation provisions appeared costly and perhaps unworkable while other provisions could well reduce the competitive influences in international shipping.

LEAKS OF RADIO-ACTIVE POLLUTANTS AT NUCLEAR FACILITIES

Question No. 1,710—**Mr. Francis:**

1. Have there been any leaks of radio-active pollutants at nuclear facilities and, if so, what was the nature and extent of such leaks?

2. How much money has been spent by Order in Council or other means to stop such leaks?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy Control Board reports as follows: 1. This inquiry appears to be related to the discovery of leaks in the pressure tubes of unit No. 3 of the Pickering generating station in August, 1974. The leaks in question are best described as internal leaks in that they involved leakage of heavy water from the pressure tubes (in which uranium fuel bundles are located) into a closed annulus formed by the pressure tubes and surrounding calandria tubes. There was no escape of this heavy water outside of reactor systems. Further barriers to the escape of such heavy water exist including the concrete reactor containment building. Extensive investigations by the owner, Ontario Hydro, and by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited have revealed the cause of the leaks and the necessary corrective measures including the replacement of a number of pressure tubes have been completed. It is expected that the unit will be returned to operation shortly.