

2. Did the Aeradio Station operators at Timmins, Ontario, receive confirmation from the crew of the DC-3 that the altimeter setting information was received?

3. When was the barometric pressure recording instrument, that was used by the Aeradio Station operators at Timmins to ascertain the current altimeter setting, last checked or calibrated to prove its accuracy?

4. Was the DC-3 aircraft carrying a Radar Altimeter and, if so, was it functioning at the time of the crash?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Altimeter setting as given to the DC-3 before the crash was 30.01 inches of mercury.

2. No confirmation was received by the Aeradio Station operators at Timmins from the crew of the aircraft that the altimeter setting information had been received.

3. The barometer at the Aeradio Station had been checked and its accuracy verified on June 3, 1969. Error was found to be .0042 which equals four feet.

4. The DC-3 aircraft was not carrying a radar altimeter at the time of the crash.

CRASH OF DH-125 JET AT WABUSH, NFLD.

Question No. 120—Mr. Forrestall:

1. What was the altimeter setting given to the pilots of the DH-125 jet by ground personnel at Wabush, Newfoundland, prior to its crash on November 11?

2. When was it relayed to the crew?

3. What party or what authority gave the altimeter setting to the crew?

4. When was the barometric pressure recording instrument that was used by personnel on the ground to ascertain the current altimeter setting at Wabush, last checked or calibrated to prove its accuracy?

5. Was the jet aircraft concerned carrying a Radar Altimeter and, if so, was it functioning at the time of the crash?

6. What weather reporting information as to ceiling and visibility was relayed to the crew just prior to its crash?

7. What are the qualifications or what experience did the observer have who informed the crew of the jet as to weather conditions that existed at the time the aircraft made its approach?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. 29.97 inches of mercury.

2. Between six and seven minutes before impact.

3. Wabush tower.

4. The barometric pressure recording instrument was last checked on December 15, 1967 and found to be within limits. Daily checks against the sub-scale of the control tower altimeter are carried out. An additional check is carried out by meteorological personnel when drawing synoptic charts. If a station reports a pressure which does not fit into the surrounding pressure pattern a check of the recording instrument is made.

5. There was a radar altimeter on board. It has not been possible to determine if it was functioning at the time of the crash.

6. 700 feet scattered, measured ceiling 3,200 feet overcast, visibility 10 miles in very light drizzle, temperature 36°, dewpoint 33°.

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7. The observation given to the pilot was taken by a Meteorological Technician, Grade 2. He has two years, 10 months experience working as an observer and has been classified as competent.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER SPECIAL AREAS PROGRAM

Question No. 148—Mr. Burton:

1. How many applications for assistance were received from Regina and Saskatoon to October 7, 1970, under the special areas program of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?

2. How many applications were approved for Regina and Saskatoon to October 7, 1970?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Regina, 15; Saskatoon, 16.

2. Regina, 4; Saskatoon, 6.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OFFICE, ST-GEORGES, BEAUCE CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 149—Mr. Rodrigue:

1. How many (a) permanent (b) temporary employees are there in the federal Unemployment Insurance Office at St-Georges in the constituency of Beauce?

2. What is the total of their salaries?

3. Is this office rented and, if so (a) what is the annual rental cost (b) who is the owner?

[Translation]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): 1. (a) (b) one permanent employee: Mr. Jean-Noel Poulin, Ville St-Georges, County of Beauce.

2. \$8,626.

3. (a) \$1,800 per annum; (b) Mr. Marc Roberge.

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS 1968-69

Question No. 152—Mr. Laprise:

How many initial claims were made to the Unemployment Insurance Commission in the years 1968-1969?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): There were 1,428,684 initial applications made to the Unemployment Insurance Commission during the Calendar year 1968 and 1,407,650 during the Calendar year 1969.

LIVERPOOL, NOVA SCOTIA HARBOUR—DREDGING OPERATIONS

Question No. 156—Mr. Crouse:

Is it the intention of the Department of Public Works to carry out dredging operations in Liverpool harbour, Queens County, Nova Scotia, in the vicinity of the marine railway and, and, if so (a) what is the amount of funds set aside for this work (b) when will this dredging be carried out?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Yes, (a) \$4,000. (b) This work has just been completed.