

F. Christie, Grand Prairie, Alberta; Mr. Boyd Anderson, Fir Mountain, Saskatchewan; Mr. W. H. Hollier, 1618—100th Street, North Battleford, Saskatchewan; Mr. Ed. Wright, East-end, Saskatchewan; Mr. H. J. Collison, Star City, Saskatchewan.

3. At the present time there are no definite plans for the holding of meetings.

POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION, QUEENS COUNTY, P.E.I.

Question No. 495—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. What are the commencement and completion dates of construction of post offices at York and Breadalbane, P.E.I.?

2. What is the area of land acquired as the site for each of the foregoing?

3. From whom was it acquired?

4. What other post office buildings are in contemplation or under construction in Queens county, P.E.I.?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. York—Commenced 30-12-65, expected completion date 30-4-66. Breadalbane—Commenced 30-12-65, expected completion date 31-5-66.

2. York—22,500 sq. ft. Breadalbane—14,700 sq. ft.

3. York—Mr. Peter W. Proud. Breadalbane—Mr. Pomeroy Murray.

4. Nil.

FEDERAL BUILDING, RIVERPORT, N.S.

Question No. 496—**Mr. Crouse:**

1. Has any study or survey been made during the past year by or on behalf of the Department of Public Works indicating the need for constructing a federal public building at Riverport, Lunenburg county, N.S.?

2. If so (a) what is the area of land to be acquired for this building (b) where will it be located in Riverport (c) will the building be large enough to provide accommodation for a customs officer (d) will the building be large enough to provide accommodation for a fresh fish inspection officer (e) what area of the building will be allocated to the Post Office Department (f) what is the estimated cost of this building (g) has the department called for tenders on the building's construction and, if so, what is the closing date?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

2. (a) 11,250 square feet. (b) On the public highway. (c) Yes. (d) Yes. (e) 545 square feet. (f) \$24,975. (See g) (g) Yes. The closing date was February 9, 1966.

INCREASES IN WHARFAGE CHARGES

Question No. 509—**Mr. Keays:**

1. Were there any increases in wharfage charges put into effect since 1962?

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2. Were there any other charges imposed on the users of public wharves since 1962?

3. Were these charges uniform across the country?

4. Were any of these charges rescinded and, if so, where and in what amounts?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Yes.

2. No.

3. Yes.

4. The wharfage charges on automobiles and trucks driven on or off a ferry vessel were rescinded for all wharves without having been assessed by order in council P.C. 1964-460 of March 26, 1964.

CENTRAL HEATING PLANT, OTTAWA

Question No. 524—**Mr. MacEwan:**

1. Has the central heating plant in Ottawa for government buildings been converted from coal burning facilities to natural gas?

2. If so, when was this operation carried out and at what cost?

3. What was the annual average consumption of coal in that plant during the last 10 years?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes. Converted to gas with oil as stand-by.

2. Contract awarded June 18, 1965. Work under way. Expected completion date March 31, 1966. Cost, \$404,016.

3. 18,383 tons.

SURPLUS PAYMENTS BY CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 544—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. Under section 81 (3) of the Financial Administration Act, has the Minister of Finance ordered the crown corporations to pay the amount which he considered as surplus over the requirements, during the last three years?

2. What corporations were required to do so?

3. During the last three years, what amount from each corporation was paid to the Receiver General under the said section?

[Translation]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):

1. The amounts paid by the various crown companies to the government in interest, dividends, repayment of loans, and in other respects, together with the sums kept by them on deposit in the consolidated revenue fund, have made it unnecessary for the Minister of Finance to order crown corporations to pay any amounts to the crown under the section of the act referred to. Details of the payments made and deposits maintained are shown in the public accounts and the annual reports of the corporations.

2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.