

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Questions

those persons replying would seek the co-operation of the house in having the answer printed as though read; otherwise we will be here a long time.

VALLEYFIELD, QUE.—REMOVAL OF R.C.M.P.
OFFICES

Question No. 91—Mr. Laniel:

1. Has the Minister of Justice received a resolution, addressed by the chamber of commerce of Valleyfield, stating how regrettable the decision was of the department to move the Royal Canadian Mounted Police offices from Valleyfield to Huntingdon?

2. Would the minister tell the house the grounds on which such a decision was reached in view of the fact that the other federal government services are already located at Valleyfield and that the city has the only court of justice in the area?

Answer by: Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):

1. Yes.

2. Action was taken in this respect solely in the interests of administrative efficiency and necessary economy.

LANDING STRIP, ANTIGONISH AREA, N.S.

Question No. 95—Mr. Stewart:

1. Have officials of the Department of Transport had correspondence or conversations with any person or persons concerning either the public or private construction of a landing strip or other aeronautical facility in the Antigonish, Mulgrave, and Port Hawkesbury areas of Nova Scotia?

2. If so, with whom, when, and is this matter presently under examination or consideration?

Answer by: Mr. McBain:

1. Antigonish—Yes.

Mulgrave—No.

Port Hawkesbury—Yes.

2. (a) (i) Antigonish—Doctor McNeil to director of civil aviation—February 11, 1961; director of civil aviation to Doctor McNeil—February 17, 1961.

(ii) No further action is being taken at present pending an application from the town of Antigonish for cost sharing assistance.

(b) (i) Port Hawkesbury—director of community planning, department of municipal affairs, Halifax, N.S., discussion with regional director, air services, Moncton, N.B.;—March, 1960; W. H. F. Langley, chairman Richmond-Inverness metropolitan planning commission to regional director, civil aviation, Moncton, N.B.—September 12, 1960; Meeting with members of above commission attended by regional superintendent of airways and regional construction engineer, Moncton, N.B.,—October 27, 1960.

(ii) No further action is being taken at present pending an application from the commission for cost sharing assistance.

[Mr. Speaker.]

T.C.A.—REVENUE, VANCOUVER-VICTORIA RUN

Question No. 97—Mr. Laing:

What was total revenue on the Vancouver-Victoria run of T.C.A. in the years 1960, 1961, and in the first six months of 1962?

Mr. Laing: Mr. Speaker, could I have permission to withdraw this question?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member requests permission to withdraw his question. Agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order discharged and question withdrawn.

KINGSTON PRISON FOR WOMEN

Question No. 143—Mr. Matheson:

1. Has the Department of Justice received any indication that a breakdown of discipline has occurred at the prison for women, Kingston?

2. Are adequate precautions in effect to prevent improper practices among inmates?

3. Have certain inmates successfully refused to work and, if so, what punishment has been administered?

4. Has Superintendent Isobel J. MacNeill (a) been struck by inmates and, if so, when (b) received medical or X-ray examination as a result of injuries received and, if so, when?

Answer by: Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):

1. No.

2. As adequate as are practicable in the accommodation available.

3. Yes, certain inmates under psychiatric treatment have refused to work on occasions. They were not punished. One other inmate, a young and aggressive type, refused to work and, as punishment, was denied certain privileges.

4. Yes (a) on August 15, Miss MacNeill restrained an inmate, who has homicidal tendencies, from attacking a member of the staff. Miss MacNeill fell to the floor, pulling the inmate with her. (b) Miss MacNeill was examined by the institutional doctor and was given an X-ray examination at the armed forces hospital at Barriefield on August 16. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries.

MEDIUM AND MINIMUM SECURITY INSTITUTIONS

Question No. 144—Mr. Matheson:

1. Did the Department of Justice examine the correctional institutions at Camp Bison, Camp Hendrie, Hillsdale, and McCreight's Dam and, if so, when?

2. Has the government announced plans for the construction of (a) similar camps throughout the dominion (b) other medium or minimum security institutions; and, if so, which of these announced programs (i) have been completed (ii) are in the process of completion (iii) are being postponed by reason of austerity?

Answer by: Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):

1. Yes—Camp Hendrie and Hillsdale were examined in July 1960. 2. (a) No. (b) Yes—6 medium and 15 minimum security institutions, (i) 10 minimum, (ii) 4 medium—5 minimum, (iii) 2 medium.