

## Questions

## THE VICTORIA CROSS

## Question No. 336—Mr. Peters:

1. For what purpose was the Victoria Cross established?
2. How many have been issued to Canadians?
3. How many Canadian recipients are still living, and what is the name and address of each?
4. What considerations accrue to the holders of a Victoria Cross?

## Answer by: Mr. Churchill:

1. The Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry, was instituted by Queen Victoria at the close of the Crimean campaign, 1856. It is a Maltese cross, and is awarded, irrespective of rank, to members of any branch of Her Majesty's forces, for "most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy".

2. 94.

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World War I: Alexander P. Brereton, V.C., Frederick G. Coppins, V.C., Thomas Dinesen, V.C., Herman J. Good, V.C., The Hon. Milton F. Gregg, V.C., C.B.E., M.C., Robert H. Hanna, V.C., Frederick M. W. Harvey, V.C., M.C., John C. Kerr, V.C., William H. Metcalf, V.C., M.M., Coulson N. Mitchell, V.C., M.C., George H. Mullin, V.C., M.M., The Hon. George R. Pearkes, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Thomas Ricketts, V.C., H. H. Robson, V.C., Charles Rutherford, V.C., M.C., M.M., Robert Shankland, V.C., D.C.M., Marcus Strachan, V.C., M.C., Raphael Zengel, V.C., M.M.

World War II: David V. Currie, V.C., John W. Foote, V.C., John K. Mahony, V.C., C.D., Charles C. I. Merritt, V.C., Ernest A. Smith, V.C., Frederick A. Tilston, V.C., Frederick G. Topham, V.C., Paul Triquet, V.C.

4. Annuities to recipients of the Victoria Cross during world war I are paid by the United Kingdom government.

The government of Canada pays an annuity of \$300 to those who were awarded the Victoria Cross while serving with the Canadian forces during world war II. If a recipient of the Victoria Cross below commissioned rank is awarded a disability pension or war veterans allowance, he is paid, in addition to his annuity of \$300, a per diem allowance of 12½c.

## APPOINTMENT FROM B.C. TO SUPREME COURT

## Question No. 347—Mr. Berger:

Is it the intention of the government to appoint a judge to the Supreme Court of Canada from British Columbia to replace the Hon. C. H. Locke?

[Mr. McBain.]

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

When a decision is taken an announcement will be made.

## CANADA SAVINGS BONDS COSTS

## Question No. 354—Mr. Thompson:

1. With reference to the report of the royal commission on government organization concerning the cost of selling, registering, paying interest on, and redeeming Canada savings bonds, have any steps been taken to reduce all or any of these expenses in the current fiscal year?

2. What is the actual cost for 1961 and the estimated cost in 1962 of (a) selling (b) registering (c) paying interest on, and (d) redeeming Canada savings bonds?

## Answer by: Mr. Graffey:

1. Yes.
2. The actual costs of the 1961 series were:
  - (a) \$11,187,577
  - (b), (c) and (d): These costs cannot be calculated for any individual bond issue.

It is not possible at this time to estimate costs of selling the 1962 series.

## SARNIA, ONT. AIR SERVICE

## Question No. 356—Mr. Foy:

1. Has the licence of Nordair Limited, providing passenger air service between the city of Sarnia and other cities on the seaway route, been suspended and, if so, has consideration been given to the feasibility of providing alternate service?

2. Has Trans-Canada Air Lines an interest in continuing air service for the city of Sarnia?

3. Have representations been received from the Sarnia city council in this regard and, if so, (a) have arrangements been made to hear such representations (b) if no arrangements have been made for such a hearing, will the Minister of Transport undertake immediate steps to arrange a hearing because of the urgent need for air service for the city of Sarnia?

## Answer by: Mr. McBain:

1. Yes, effective August 15, 1962. The air transport board order suspending the service provided a period up to not later than October 15, 1962, for the filing of complete submissions with the secretary of the board by any person wishing to oppose continuation of the suspension or to suggest measures to improve the adverse financial position of the service.

2. T.C.A. has not hitherto expressed any interest in making an application to provide direct air service to the city of Sarnia.

3. The Sarnia city council has filed a representation with the air transport board and such representations are being considered by the board. If it considers that a public hearing is required, it will give public notice to that effect.