

Questions

Four rural mail delivery routes operate out of Chelmsford, Ontario: Chelmsford R.R. 1—Tenders due October 18th, 1957, Chelmsford R.R. 2—Tenders due September 4th, 1959, Chelmsford R.R. 3—Tenders due August 1938, Chelmsford R.R. 4—Tenders due October 6th, 1961.

PENSION FOR REV. PETER COWLAND

Question No. 539—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. What decision has been reached relative to compensation for the Reverend Peter Cowland, pension No. 502171, who was seriously injured in 1941 by a bomb blast and whose eyesight is now deteriorating?

2. On what date was Mr. Cowland examined by two eye specialists?

3. How long does it normally take the Department of Veterans Affairs to reach a decision in similar cases?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. On February 9, 1966, the Canadian Pension Commission granted entitlement for corneal and lens opacities, effective twelve months prior to date of decision.

2. An eye specialist's report was prepared on October 27, 1965.

3. It is not possible to answer this question definitely but the length of time required by the Canadian Pension Commission to reach a decision depends on a number of factors including the nature of the claim, etc.

MOVE FROM CALGARY OF FORESTRY HEADQUARTERS

Question No. 540—**Mr. Harkness:**

1. Is there any intention to move the Calgary branch divisional headquarters of the federal Department of Forestry from Calgary to Edmonton?

2. If so, what are the reasons for this projected move?

3. Have the mayor and council of the city of Calgary been consulted on this matter and given an opportunity to set forward the reasons why this office should be retained in Calgary?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry):

1. Yes.

2. Improved efficiency of operations of the department's regional establishment serving Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon Territory, through the development of closer professional contacts with senior staff of the Alberta Department of Lands and Forests and officials of forest industrial firms, and closer proximity to the major commercial forests of the region.

3. No. However, the mayor of Calgary has been advised of the decision and the reasons for it.

[Mr. Côté (Longueuil).]

SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CARS

Question No. 558—**Mr. Simard:**

In order to reduce the number of road injuries and fatalities, is it the intention of the federal government to implement some control by establishing standards for the import and manufacturing of cars?

[Translation]

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): The Government of Canada intends to establish safety standards for all cars purchased by it whether imported or manufactured in Canada.

PLANT RESEARCH SPECIALISTS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Question No. 567—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. How many research specialists are employed full time in basic plant research in the three prairie provinces in any program in which the federal government is involved?

2. How many research specialists are employed full time in costs of production research in the three prairie provinces in any program in which the federal government is involved?

3. At how many illustration stations and/or other kinds of research station are costs of production studies being carried out?

4. What are the salary ranges for persons employed at the above, either in universities or with the federal Department of Agriculture?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Research specialists employed full time in basic plant research in the three prairie provinces are listed as follows: Plant breeding, genetics, ecology, management, 55; Plant physiology of crop plants, 8; Plant pathology, 24; Weed research, including physiology of weeds, 8. The above does not include soil and fertility research related to plant production. It does include pasture and range research.

2. Three full time research specialists are employed in costs of production research.

3. Some cost of production data are being obtained on seven project farms in southern Saskatchewan.

4. Salary ranges for the people employed in the federal Department of Agriculture are from a current minimum of \$6,302 to a maximum of \$13,038, depending on training and productivity.

AUTO IMPORTS FROM U.S. NOT DUTY FREE

Question No. 589—**Mr. Hales:**

How many cars or what dollar value of cars imported from the U.S.A. in 1965 did not qualify for the duty-free entry because the firm or firms did not maintain the same ratio between cars produced and sold in Canada in the base year of August 1, 1963 to July 31, 1964?