expected during the 1975-1976 fiscal year. Vacancies existing at the time of the above advertisement and at this time are filled through and eligible list established as a result of a similar process last year.

3. Simultaneous internal and open competitions are held throughout the year to fill translator positions by means of posters and newspaper advertisements. There is also a bursary program sponsored by the Department of the Secretary of State in order to attract new graduates in the field of translation. Last year, 60 new graduates were hired through this program. As many as 75 graduates will be available in May, 1975. French language teachers are attracted by means of posters distributed throughout the federal government and the public sector, and by means of newspaper advertisements. There is a minimum training period of four weeks before teachers start teaching.

COMPETITION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT OFFICERS

Question No. 895-Mr. Lachance:

Was competion number 4-A-P-010 of the Public Service Property Assessment Officers held as announced for the Department of Finance and, if not (a) for what reason (b) were some individuals called upon to fill the vacant positions without going through the usual selection procedures and, if so (i) how many persons were so appointed (ii) at what salary?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Competition 4-A-P-010 for Property Assessment Officers (PM 3) Department of Finance, was held as announced. Six persons were interviewed and three candidates were thereafter offered a position. They are to report for duty during the month of December. No other appointment has been made at the PM 3 level in the division concerned. The salary range for PM 3 is \$14,054-\$15,930.

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO

Question No. 916-Mr. Forrestall:

Does the government view the use of United States Coast Guard icebreakers, such as the MAGB-10 and the MAGB-11, to assist commercial operations extractive and otherwise in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago as being in the best interests of Canadian sovereignty?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): No.

SUCCESSOR TO MR. PITFIELD AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Question No. 981-Mr. Cossitt:

1. On what date will the Prime Minister announce the name of Michael Pitfield's successor as Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs?

2. (a) During Mr. Pitfield's frequent absences from his post, what is the name and job designation of the individual who has been performing the duties of Deputy Minister (b) will this person be promoted to succeed Mr. Pitfield in accordance with seniority and the merit principle or will the Prime Minister fill the position with a close personal friend, a relative or a former or present member of his staff?

Order Paper Questions

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. In due course.

2. Requires no answer as premise is not accepted.

MR. MICHAEL PITFIELD

Question No. 982-Mr. Cossitt:

1. On what date will Michael Pitfield commence his duties as Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk of the Privy Council?

2. Since January 1, 1974, on how many days, on what exact dates, and for how long a period of time, in each case, has Mr. Pitfield shown up in his office in his capacity as Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs?

3. How many times, on what dates, where and for what purposes has the Prime Minister met with Mr. Pitfield since his appointment as Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. In due course.

2. Mr. Pitfield was not absent from duty except as provided by public service regulations.

3. The arrangements made for meetings and purposes thereof, between government officials and members of the cabinet for the discharge of government business are not customarily disclosed.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PAID TO CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED

Question No. 17-Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):

1. During the period from January 1, 1880 until either December 31, 1972 or March 31, 1973, how much was paid from the federal treasury to the Canadian Pacific Railway or Canadian Pacific Limited, in grants, subsidies or other payments?

2. During the period from January 1, 1880 until either December 31, 1972 or March 31, 1973, what was the nunber of acres of land granted by the government to the Canadian Pacific Railway or Canadian Pacific Limited and what was the total dollar value of such land grants?

3. During the calendar year ending December 31, 1973 or the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974, how much was paid from the federal treasury to the Canadian Pacific Railway or Canadian Pacific Limited, in grants, subsidies or other payments?

4. During the calendar year ending December 31, 1973 or the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974, were any land or other grants, not included in the answer to Part (3), made by the government to the Canadian Pacific Railway or Canadian Pacific Limited and, if so, to what extent and what was the total dollar value thereof?

Return tabled.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE PERSONNEL

Question No. 23-Mr. Cossitt:

1. What are the names of all persons employed by, attached to, on loan to or in any way associated with the Prime Minister's Office as of the date that the answer to this question is prepared and what is this specific date?

2. In each case, what is their specific function, on what date were they hired, what is their specific annual salary and what previous positions, if any, did they hold in government service?

3. Are there any plans to enlarge the size of the staff of the Prime Minister's Office during the next year and, if so, in the opinion of the government, what are the reasons that make such a step necessary?