

Questions

2. The total amount of Canada Savings Bonds of all series redeemed through the Montreal Agency of the Bank of Canada in each of the years from 1960 to 1968 was as follows:

Calendar Year	Redemptions (\$ millions)
1960	129.0
1961	127.6
1962	245.9
1963	205.9
1964	157.9
1965	172.7
1966	369.7
1967	256.9
1968	711.1
Total	2,376.7

CARDIGAN, P.E.I. POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Question No. 1,219—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. How many Post Offices have been closed in the federal constituency of Cardigan since January 1, 1966?
2. Where are they located?
3. What were the reasons for the closure in each case?
4. As a result of these closures, how many people, either postmasters or rural carriers, were thrown out of employment?
5. What further post offices are scheduled to be closed in this constituency in the immediate future?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned. 1. Two.

2. Bear River, Hopefield.
 3. Limited usefulness.
 4. One postmaster and two rural couriers.
- Note: The Bear River Post Office was closed on the 31st December 1968 to coincide with the retirement of the Postmaster. The Post Office at Hopefield was closed on the 31st January 1969 and this resulted in the release of the Postmaster. The discontinuance of Bear River Rural Route No. 1 and Hopefield Rural Route No. 1 resulted in the cancellation of the contract of the Rural Couriers.

5. In accordance with the policy to close smaller Revenue Post Offices, authority was granted recently to close the Post Offices at Annandale and St. Mary's Road. Further studies are being conducted with a view to closing additional Post Offices within the closing programme criteria but no decision has been made on any particular case as yet.

[Mr. Benson.]

STATUTORY ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

Question No. 1,234—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Does the government intend to revise, in the near future, the Statutory Orders and Regulations (SOR)?
2. Is there a branch dealing with the SOR?
3. What steps are taken to ensure that the regulations passed are within the powers delegated by Parliament?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. All Regulations that are published in Part II of the Canada Gazette are reviewed by the Legal Adviser to the Privy Council Office to ensure that they are within the powers delegated by Parliament.

"YUKON" AIRCRAFT OTTAWA-BRUSSELS FLIGHT

Question No. 1,240—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Were members of the RCAF required to remain at a hotel in Ottawa during the week of January 12 in connection with their duties with Air Transport Command in the flying of a Yukon Aircraft from Ottawa to Brussels?
2. Did this Yukon Aircraft carry any passengers from Ottawa to Brussels or on the return journey?
3. What was the purpose of the flight to Brussels?
4. What was the estimated cost to the federal government for the flight in question?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes, on the night of 13/14 January, as there was no suitable accommodation available at CFB Uplands.

2. Yes.

3. To airlift the Chief of Defence Staff and a party of military and civilian officials to the NATO meeting in Brussels. On return flight, to airlift the Minister of National Defence and a party of military and civilian officials returning to Ottawa from the NATO meeting. On both trips, those seats not occupied by the official party were made available to military personnel and their dependants authorized for such air transportation.

4. This Yukon Aircraft was operated within the authorized monthly flying schedule for Air Transport Command. On all such flights, the aircraft operating costs, pay and allowances, temporary duty costs of the crew are budgeted for annually, and the only extra cost for this particular flight was \$2,200, which included temporary duty expenses for the crew in Ottawa and Brussels, in flight meals and landing fees at Brussels airport.