

Questions

2. From April 1, 1963, to date, the dates of publication and coming into force of general salary and wage increases for all major separate categories of the St. Lawrence Sea-

way employees and the average percentage increases were as shown in the Table which follows:

Employee Category	Dates		Authority Percentage Increase
	Publication	Coming Into Force	
Bargaining Unit Employees	May 8, 1964	Jan. 1, 1964	3.5%
	May 8, 1965	Jan. 1, 1965	3.5%
	Aug. 4, 1966	Jan. 1, 1966	20.0%
	Aug. 4, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967	8.0%
	July 17, 1968	Jan. 1, 1968	7.0%
	July 17, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	6.5%
Excluded Employees Professional	Apr. 1, 1964	July 1, 1963	3.9%
	Dec. 15, 1965	July 1, 1965	6.5%
	July 7, 1966	Jan. 1, 1966	12.6%
	Dec. 21, 1966	July 1, 1966	4.0%
	June 30, 1967	July 1, 1967	4.0%
	June 28, 1968	July 1, 1968	6.0%
	Aug. 20, 1969	July 1, 1969	7.0%
Administrative and Senior Technical	Aug. 21, 1964	Oct. 1, 1963	3.7%
	Dec. 15, 1965	July 1, 1965	5.2%
	July 7, 1966	Jan. 1, 1966	14.0%
	Dec. 21, 1966	July 1, 1966	4.0%
	June 30, 1967	July 1, 1967	4.0%
	June 28, 1968	July 1, 1968	6.0%
	Aug. 20, 1969	July 1, 1969	7.0%
Clerical and Junior Technical	Aug. 21, 1964	Oct. 1, 1963	3.7%
	Dec. 19, 1965	Oct. 1, 1965	5.2%
	July 7, 1966	Jan. 1, 1966	14.0%
	Dec. 21, 1966	July 1, 1966	4.3%
	June 30, 1967	July 1, 1967	6.5%
	June 28, 1968	July 1, 1968	6.0%
Aug. 20, 1969	July 1, 1969	8.0%	

3. When compared to the relative salary and wage level of April 1, 1963, the present salary and wage level of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority employees reflects the following cumulative average percentage increase:

Employee Category	Cumulative Average Percentage Increase
Bargaining Unit Employees	58.0%
Excluded Employees:	
Professional	53.0%
Administrative and Senior Technical	52.5%
Clerical and Junior Technical	58.0%

RAILWAY LINE, MATAGAMI TO HUDSON BAY

Question No. 363—Mr. Laprise:

Have studies been undertaken with a view to the construction of a CNR branch line from Matagami

to Hudson Bay, and (a) if so, when did such studies begin (b) if not, is the CNR planning to undertake such studies?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: No. (a) Not applicable; (b) No.

SPRAYING OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY CNR

Question No. 373—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

Does Canadian National Railways, either directly or indirectly, engage in a program of spraying chemicals or other fluids or substances along its rights-of-way and, if so, what chemicals, fluids or substances are used and for what purposes?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: Yes, in order to keep the track and ballast area free of weeds and control the growth of brush within the right-of-way.