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Prime Minister making a statement or answering a question in the House of Commons and, if not, what is the usual method of conveying Canada's position to other governments?

2. Has Canada directly expressed her disapproval to the United States Government of the American invasion of Cambodia?

3. Does Canada intend making her official views known to the United States and to the citizens of Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1, 2 and 3. On occasions when the Government wishes to make its official views known to the citizens of Canada and to other governments of the world, it may do so in a variety of ways. One of these would certainly be through statements in the House of Commons, such as those regarding Cambodia, which are followed closely not only by the media of communications but by the representatives of other governments in the same way as Canadian representatives abroad follow government statements in the parliaments of other countries.

MOST COSTLY ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY

Question No. 1,838—**Mr. Coates:**

1. What was the most costly Royal Commission established by the federal government and is that Commission still sitting or has it completed its work?

2. Who was the Chairman of that Commission and what was the subject-matter of the Commission?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. The Commission completed its work on March 31, 1970 and the expenditure to that date is $8,603,078.

2. The Co-Chairmen of the Commission were Messrs. Davidson Dunton and Jean-Louis Gagnon.

LEAST COSTLY ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY

Question No. 1,839—**Mr. Coates:**

What was the least costly of all Royal Commissions established to date, who was the Chairman, what was the subject-matter of the Commission and what was the final cost?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): A Royal Commission was appointed in December 1950 to inquire into, review and report upon rentals payable under the leases in the townsites and subdivisions of Banff and Jasper National Parks and the minimum value of buildings which may be erected on a lot in a townsite or subdivision

in said parks. The Chairman was Mr. Harry O. Patriquin and the final cost was $822. (Note: Accurate records are available only since 1945).

LONGEST ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY

Question No. 1,840—**Mr. Coates:**

1. What Royal Commission continued its work for the longest period of time and has that Royal Commission completed its work or is it still actively engaged in its work?

2. Who was the Chairman of that Commission and what was the subject-matter of the Commission?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. Royal Commission on Pilotage. The Commission was appointed on November 1, 1962, and is expected to complete its work during the current calendar year.

2. The Chairman is Mr. Justice Y. Bernier. The Commission is engaged in a review of pilotage in Canada.

SHORTEST ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY

Question No. 1,841—**Mr. Coates:**

What Royal Commission operated for the shortest period of time, who was the Chairman, what was the subject-matter and what was the final cost?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): A Royal Commission to inquire into, review and report upon rentals payable under the leases in the Townsites and Sub-divisions of Banff and Jasper National Parks and the minimum value of buildings which may be erected on a lot in a townsite or subdivision in said parks. The Royal Commission was appointed on December 9, 1950, and presented its report on December 14, 1950. The Chairman was Mr. Harry O. Patriquin and the final cost was $822. (Note: Accurate records are available only since 1945.)

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS
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CNR—ACCIDENTS ON LINES SINCE JANUARY 1,
1967

Question No. 1,289—**Mr. Godin:**

1. Throughout the whole of Canada, how many accidents have occurred on CNR lines since January 1, 1967?

2. Where did each occur?

3. How was each caused?

4. What was the cost of each?

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