

Questions

PROPOSED RANKS IN UNIFIED FORCE

Question No. 1,917—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Is there an establishment of ranks for the proposed unified armed force and, if so, how many ranks are established for the (a) navy (b) army (c) air force?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): No.

OPERATION OF NEW OTTAWA
RAILWAY STATIONQuestion No. 1,920—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Is it the intention of the government to ask the House of Commons to give further consideration to Bill S-2 an act to incorporate the Ottawa Terminal Railway Company?

2. If not, under what authority is it proposed that the new Ottawa station and the approaching railway tracks and related facilities shall be operated?

3. Have any new agreements between the National Capital Commission and the railway companies been executed?

4. If so, will such agreements be laid on the table of the house and will such agreements require parliamentary sanction?

5. Under what authority are the said station, tracks and related facilities now being operated?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. No.

2. The Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company are operating the Ottawa station, the approaching railway tracks, and the related facilities under their respective statutory authorities to operate railways and related facilities. It is proposed that this arrangement will be continued.

3. On July 26, 1966, the two companies and the National Capital Commission entered into an agreement to transfer certain assets pursuant to paragraph 26 of the memorandum of understanding, dated October 17, 1963, in order to permit the railways to operate the new station and the approaching track and related facilities and to enable the commission to remove certain railway tracks.

4. Such agreement does not require parliamentary sanction. It can be tabled in the house if the house agrees.

5. Answered by 2.

*ROGER FULTON—COMMUTATION OF
DEATH SENTENCEQuestion No. 1,921—**Mr. Cowan:**

Was a press release issued from the office of the Solicitor General on August 3, 1966, regarding the commutation to life imprisonment of the sentence of death imposed upon Roger Allan Fulton which stated in part that the Solicitor General disclosed "that there was before cabinet important medical evidence of a neurological nature obtained by the [Mr. Cadieux.]

Department of Justice" and, if so, what are the names of the doctors who submitted the said medical evidence of a neurological nature regarding Roger Allan Fulton?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows. Yes, such a press release was issued. By well established constitutional practice the advice tendered to the Governor General in regard to commutation is regarded as confidential and not to be disclosed except in very exceptional circumstances. By the same token the medical and much of the other information obtained by the cabinet and which forms the basis of its advice to the Governor General is also received in confidence and, with rare exception, it is not the practice either to discuss such information or to disclose the sources of information in particular cases.

*ROGER FULTON—COMMUTATION OF
DEATH SENTENCEQuestion No. 1,922—**Mr. Cowan:**

Was a press release issued from the office of the Solicitor General on August 3, 1966, regarding the commutation to life imprisonment of the sentence of death, imposed upon Roger Allan Fulton which stated in part that and, if "in accordance with constitutional practice the Solicitor General did not disclose the considerations upon which the Governor in Council acted in commuting the sentence" and, if so, to what constitution does this press release refer and to what specific section of that constitution?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is as follows. Yes, such a press release was issued. The expression "constitutional practice" used therein does not refer to an express section of any constitution, but the practice that has been established by the Governor in Council in dealing with capital cases and which has been recognized as good practice by successive governments. The expression "constitutional practice" has been used in the same sense by other ministers frequently in the past.

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS ON SMALL BOATS

Question No. 1,927—**Mr. Crouse:**

1. How many applications have been approved and what payments have been made, by provinces, of the 50 per cent small boat subsidy, relating to construction of small boats, 35 to 55 feet long, of "special design", as described on May 11, 1966, by the Minister of Fisheries?

2. How many "special designs" have been sent out by the department to fishermen and how many provinces have applied?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): 1. Up to the present no applications