

Questions

3. Was there any increase in the existing rate of \$3,095.85?

4. What was the date of approval?

5. Were complaints received concerning the service of said mail carrier during any previous contracts?

6. What is the present policy regarding tendering for mail carrier contracts above \$1,000?

7. Has there been any recent change in this system?

Mr. Denis: 1. Present contract with Mr. Thibodeau for Siegas R.R.1 expires 30th September 1963 and it was our intention to renew the contract under authority of the Post Office Act, Section 31 (1). However, the contractor has asked for an increase in rate but negotiations with the contractor have not yet been completed.

2. See No. 1.

3. See No. 1.

4. See No. 1.

5. No service complaints.

6. Tenders must be called for a new contract, but an expiring contract may be renewed with the same contractor.

7. No.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND MEETING

Question No. 1,144—Mr. Thompson:

1. Will Canada be sending a delegate to the meeting of the international monetary fund in September and, if so, who will be the delegate?

2. Will matters relating to international trade and settlements be discussed at this meeting?

3. Will Canada have any specific plan or policy to submit on this question?

4. Does Canada have any official policy on international monetary arrangements (e.g., a preference for a flat money system rather than the use of gold for international settlements)?

5. Will the House of Commons have an opportunity to discuss any arrangements that will be made before they become binding on this country?

Answer: 1. The Minister of Finance, Hon. Walter L. Gordon, is the governor for Canada of the international monetary fund and will be attending.

2. Yes.

3. Any announcement of government policy will be made in due course.

4. Canadian policies in these fields are represented in the management of government affairs including foreign exchange reserves and in the objects and operations of the international organization such as the international monetary fund of which Canada is a member.

5. Yes.

USE OF AIRPORT RUNWAYS, BOUNDARY BAY, B.C.

Question No. 1,146—Mr. Mather:

Are runways at the disused Boundary Bay, B.C. airport being used from time to time for go-cart racing?

[Mr. Bell.]

Answer: No, go-cart racing has never been permitted on the runways at the Vancouver wireless station, Boundary Bay, B.C. However, five dependant children, ages 12 to 15 years, living on the station have purchased or constructed go-carts and have been permitted the use of a disused section of the runways

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Question No. 1,147—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

1. From May 16 to August 1, 1963, what has been the net change in the balance of the unemployment insurance fund, not including government subsidies and reimbursements of them?

2. From May 16 to August 1, 1963, in what amount was the unemployment insurance fund subsidized by government loans?

3. As of August 1, in what amount has the government been reimbursed for the above loans?

Mr. MacEachen: 1. Not available.

2. \$5 million.

3. \$33 million.

CONTRACT WITH BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY

Question No. 1,148—Mr. Fisher:

1. Is treasury board aware of any employment by the Department of Public Printing and Stationery of the services of any business consultants during the years 1961 and 1962 and, if so (a) what was the name of the business consultant firm (b) when was the contract authorized, and by whom, and (c) what was the contract price?

2. If the employment was terminated (a) by whose authority (b) for what reason and (c) what was the final price paid?

Answer: (a) P. A. Management Consultants Ltd. (b) October 5, 1961, by treasury board. (c) \$111,600 (estimated), plus travelling and subsistence when consultants are engaged on the department's business away from the office or plant to which they are assigned, based on a fee of \$900 per week per consultant, plus travelling and subsistence.

2. The treasury board has received no submission from the Department of Public Printing and Stationery concerning the termination of the contract.

SUPPLY OF "HANSARD" TO NEWS DISTRIBUTING MEDIA

Question No. 1,152—Mr. Smith:

1. Are copies of *Hansard* supplied to all daily and weekly newspapers in Canada and, if so, upon what terms?

2. Is *Hansard* supplied to radio and television stations maintaining their own news and/or editorial staffs upon the same basis as newspapers?

Mr. Drury: In so far as the Department of Public Printing and Stationery is concerned—

1. Copies of *Hansard* are sent to those daily and weekly newspapers in Canada who supply a copy of their paper to the reading room of the House of Commons. The necessary