

Orders for Returns

Mr. Jorgenson: Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is of some length and I wonder whether I might ask permission of the house to have it printed in *Hansard* as having been read.

Mr. Speaker: Of what length is it; is it one foolscap sheet, or two, or three?

Mr. Jorgenson: It is two thirds of a foolscap sheet.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that the answer be printed in *Hansard* as having been read?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: The answer referred to above is as follows:*]

1. Control measures in connection with the outbreak of anthrax in buffalo in the Slave river area have been carried on jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the department of northern affairs.

A survey of the infected area was conducted and all buffalo carcasses were disposed of by either deep burial or burning, with the immediate area surrounding each carcass being decontaminated in order to prevent further spread of the infection to both animals and humans.

The Indian and northern health services of the Department of National Health and Welfare participated in the program by contacting all local populations with respect to the dangers involved. Efforts were made to move buffalo from the actual infected zone by driving them out and making the local area unattractive as a grazing area by burning the vegetation.

It should be pointed out that anthrax in animals is a rapidly fatal disease which does not spread from animal to animal but is contracted through exposure to infected soil or material.

2. Under the provisions of the animal contagious diseases regulation, an anthrax quarantined area has been designated which prohibits the movement into or out of such area of all buffalo and parts of buffalo.

While it is recognized the quarantined area is of necessity a vast one, the enforcement of this order will be carried out jointly by officials of the Departments of Agriculture, Northern Affairs, National Health and Welfare, Citizenship and Immigration and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, all of which have participated in the investigations and control measures.

*FORT RAE, N.W.T.—PROTECTION AGAINST
CONTAMINATED WATER

Question No. 514—Mrs. Hardie:

What steps has the government taken to provide sanitary protection for the people of the Fort Rae area, seven of whom died since the month of June as a result of drinking contaminated water?

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Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might add a few words to what was said on this subject on Thursday last as recorded on page 918 of *Hansard*.

In addition to the immediate measures taken in connection with this problem, a more comprehensive program is under way. A new five year financial agreement was concluded with the Northwest Territories early this year and under this agreement a program for dealing with this long standing health problem has been made available under which the federal government will assist the territorial government in providing reservoirs, water treatment and sewage treatment facilities in northern communities. Fort Rae was the first place listed for action even before the outbreak of this year. Design work has already been completed for the necessary installation. Financial provision is included in my departmental estimates for 1963, and I am advised that the territorial government is also making provision for its share of the costs.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

COMPLAINTS RESPECTING CENSUS

Question No. 275—Mr. Howard:

1. Since the commencement of the decennial census for 1961, has any municipality or province raised any objection or complaint to the effect that the conduct of the census for the municipality or province was, or would be, incomplete, incorrect, or insufficient; and, if so, what are the details of each such complaint?

2. As a result of these complaints, what action was taken in each case; and if such action, in part, was to arrange for additions to the original population figures, what differences resulted in each case?

3. Was each such subsequent action, as referred to in part 2 hereof, satisfactory to the complaining party?

4. As a result of any such subsequent action or from experiences derived from the taking of the census, is any action planned to ensure that a more accurate population count of municipalities will be made in future census-taking?

FLIGHTS BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT VISCOUNT AIRCRAFT

Question No. 291—Mr. Hellyer:

1. What flights did each of the two Department of Transport Viscount aircraft make in the months of January, February, March, and April, of 1960, 1961, and 1962?

2. What was the purpose of each flight?

3. Who were the passengers in each case?

*CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS—COMPETITIONS IN FRENCH

Question No. 355—Mr. Rinfret:

Among the new appointments made by the civil service commission in 1961, how many women and men used the French language in their competitions