

## Questions

4. Can Indians obtain these forms for family allowances anywhere else than from the Indian agent and, if not, what act or regulation authorizes this restriction?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. In the large majority of cases applications for family allowances are made directly to the Department of National Health and Welfare. In the remainder, they are made through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

2. The Indian bands whose members apply directly for family allowances to the Department of National Health and Welfare are those where this procedure has been recommended to the Department of National Health and Welfare by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It is expected that all Indian bands will eventually be included in these arrangements. The other method has been retained for certain bands as a means of assistance to their members. Either method is permitted under the family allowances regulations.

3. The forms used by those Indians who apply for family allowances through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development are different from those used by Indians who apply directly and by non-Indians. The colour is different so that they may be readily distinguished for administrative purposes. There are other minor differences to allow for the provision of certain identifying information such as the band name and number.

4. The forms described in 3 are available to Indians through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development only. The reason is for the convenience of the Indians. The relevant authority is contained in the family allowances regulations.

## TRENT CANAL RENOVATION

**Question No. 108—Mr. Scott (Victoria (Ont.)):**

1. What plans, if any, are there for renovation of facilities along the Trent canal system?

2. Which sections of the Trent canal system, if any, are going to be renovated?

3. Will any such renovations be carried out in 1967?

4. If so, what is the anticipated expenditure?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. Long range planning calls for the renovation or modernization of all the facilities along the Trent canal.

[Mr. Orlikow.]

2. Work is progressing or planned for all sections of the Trent canal system.

3. Yes.

4. \$2,501,000.

## TRENT CANAL TRAFFIC

**Question No. 109—Mr. Scott (Victoria (Ont.)):**

1. What was the volume of traffic on the Trent canal system in 1964, 1965 and 1966?

2. What is the anticipated volume of traffic in 1967?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):**

	Craft lockages
1. Traffic 1964	112,233
"   1965	117,931
"   1966	129,971
2. Traffic 1967 (forecast)	142,000

## \*FOREST FIRES

**Question No. 134—Mr. Mather:**

1. What was the number of forest fires in Canada in 1964 and in 1965?

2. How many of such fires are estimated to have been caused by smoking?

[Translation]

**Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** The first part of the answer, Mr. Speaker:

1964—6,944

1965—7,238

The second part of the answer:

1964—1,546

1965—1,686

[English]

## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, notices of motion for the production of papers numbers 9, 10 and 11 are acceptable to the government, subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents and the agreement of the provincial government authorities concerned.

Would Your Honour kindly call notices of motions Nos. 2, 3, 7 and 12? I ask that the others be allowed to stand.

## CONTRACT FOR TAXI SERVICE, OTTAWA STATION

**Motion No. 2—Mr. Cowan:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of any contract entered into concerning taxi service to and from the Ottawa railway station, since January 1, 1966.