

## Questions

The above are the only available statistics and they relate to calls served. A call may be a residence, office, store, factory or institution. Letter Carrier delivery service is provided on a five day basis (Monday to Friday inclusive).

Departmental records are not maintained according to frequency of service, of house-

holders served by Rural Routes and Suburban Services; however, the statement below indicates the number of Rural Routes and Suburban Services in each Postal District according to frequency, and also the total number of householders served by all such services in each Postal District as of March 31, 1969:

Postal district	Rural routes—Frequency						Suburban services			
	6 p.w.	5 p.w.	4 p.w.	3 p.w.	2 p.w.	1 p.w.	Total	6 p.w.	5 p.w.	Total householders
St. John's.....	13	4	1	10	1	1	30	—	3	4,174
Halifax.....	418	—	2	14	2	—	436	5	—	57,235
P.E.I.....	144	—	—	—	—	—	144	—	—	13,009
Saint John.....	349	1	4	23	—	—	377	3	—	51,358
Quebec.....	752	—	4	12	1	1	770	—	—	77,155
Montreal.....	688	—	2	8	—	—	698	—	—	89,017
Ottawa.....	662	—	—	23	—	—	685	1	—	74,660
Toronto.....	551	—	—	—	1	—	552	4	3	89,712
London.....	748	—	—	—	—	—	748	—	—	101,158
North Bay.....	170	—	5	36	1	—	212	2	—	24,699
Winnipeg.....	47	—	—	92	16	—	155	—	2	15,455
Saskatoon.....	3	—	—	20	88	—	111	—	—	4,918
Calgary.....	19	—	3	47	38	1	108	4	—	8,860
Edmonton.....	35	1	11	72	64	1	184	—	—	15,351
Vancouver.....	160	1	2	14	5	4	186	2	4	63,340
<i>Postmaster</i>										
Montreal.....	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	155
Ottawa.....	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	2,564
Toronto.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winnipeg.....	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	3,617
Vancouver.....	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1,371
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5,412</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>697,808</b>

## POST OFFICE CLOSURES

## Question No. 816—Mr. Macquarrie:

1. Since June 25, 1968, how many post offices have been closed in each of the provinces of Canada?

2. How many patrons were being served by these offices?

3. What alternative service was provided to these patrons?

4. What was the total increase in payment to rural route carriers resultant from such closings?

5. For each province, what is the estimated saving resultant from the closing of such offices?

6. What is the estimate of the number of letters of complaint received from groups and individuals concerning postal service since June 25, 1968?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** 1. British Columbia, 33; Alberta, 82; Saskatchewan, 91; Manitoba, 51; Ontario, 243; Quebec, 192; New Brunswick, 73; Nova Scotia, 94; Prince Edward Island, 31; Newfoundland, 37; Northwest Territories, 2; Yukon, 2.

2. Departmental records are not maintained in such a way that would make it possible to compile these statistics.

3. Rural mail delivery or group mail boxes were provided and in some cases service is available through an adjacent post office.

4. Departmental records are not maintained in such a way as to provide that information.

5. Departmental records are not maintained in such a way as to permit compilation of savings broken down by province. However, since the inception of the Department's program in February 1967, to close small unproductive post offices, an approximate saving of \$1,100,000 has been realized throughout the country.

6. Departmental records are not maintained on the number of letters of complaint received in connection with the closing of post offices.