

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 17, 1972

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

POLLUTION

TABLING OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table in the two official languages the text of an agreement between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes water quality, signed in Ottawa on April 15, 1972, which came into force on the same day.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—TRAINING CAMPUS

Question No. 9—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. Has a decision been made to build a complete training campus for the Ministry of Transport and, if so, where will it be located?
2. How much notice will be given to permanent staff at the present schools of the intention to move their location?
3. Will alternative employment be offered to permanent staff at the present schools if they do not wish to change their location?
4. If permanent employees are forced to move to the new location, what arrangements as regards removal expenses will be made?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. No.

2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF SPECTACLE FRAMES

Question No. 11—**Mr. Marshall:**

Under Department of Supply and Services News Release C-495, what tenders were submitted for Special Spectacle Frames GF-10001-1-D350?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): The AOCO Ltd. of Belleville, Ont. and the Defence Research Board have been developing these Combat

Spectacle Frames, for wear under gas masks, since 1963. As a consequence the AOCO company was the only one invited to quote on the requirement. AOCO Limited submitted a cost breakdown to support its tendered price of \$18,400 for 2,200 pr. of spectacle frames and it was reviewed by the DSS and considered reasonable and acceptable based on examination of the Company's operating costs and production forecasts.

CO-ORDINATION OF INFORMATION BETWEEN MANPOWER COUNSELLORS AND UIC INTERVIEWERS

Question No. 18—**Mr. Marshall:**

What terms of reference are laid down by the government to co-ordinate information and assistance to the unemployed between Manpower counsellors and UIC skilled, trained interviewers?

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): When unemployed workers make application for unemployment insurance benefits, they are referred to a Canada Manpower Centre if they require the services provided by the Centre and have not contacted it prior to applying for benefit. Subsequently, if the Unemployment Insurance Commission interviewers determine that claimants who have not recently contacted a Centre are in need of the services provided by the Centres, appointments are made for the claimants to be interviewed by Manpower Counsellors. Also, Canada Manpower Centres provide Unemployment Insurance Commission interviewers with current labour market information. Canada Manpower Centres and Unemployment Insurance Commission offices provide the public with pamphlets, application forms and other material dealing with the programs and services of the other organization. A committee of officials of the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Department of Manpower and Immigration has recently been established to investigate further means of co-ordination between the two organizations to provide greater assistance to the unemployed.

PEI—PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Question No. 24—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Did the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report that at the end of September 1971, the number of persons employed by the Prince Edward Island Government was 4,366?

2. Was this figure later amended and, if so, what was the revised figure?

3. If an error occurred, how and by whom was it brought to the attention of Statistics Canada?

4. What other examples of errors in statistics on provincial government employment have been made by Statistics Canada or the Dominion Bureau of Statistics Canada in the past ten years?