

Questions

5. No funds have been allocated specifically for the use of these supervisors. Postmasters have authority to approve the use of privately owned motor vehicles by all supervisory officers who might be required to do so in the performance of their duties where no public transportation is available or convenient. Such expenses will be paid out of a general travel fund.

[English]

POSTAL RATES REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN RATIOS

Question No. 1,787—**Mr. Kaplan:**

Has the Post Office Department estimated what postal rates must be set to maintain the present ratios as between classes of mail service and provide six-day service without additional deficits and, if so, what are such rates?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications): In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: The saving in cost in reducing to 5-day delivery service in urban areas is approximately \$10,000,000 annually. While it would be difficult to estimate the effect on all postal rates of restoring this service, it would be necessary to increase the letter rate by the equivalent of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a letter to offset the cost of the additional delivery service.

HIRING OF ROD SERVICES EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,830—**Mr. MacInnis:**

1. (a) How many employees of Rod Services have been engaged by the Post Office Department as at March 21, 1969 (b) of the Rod Services employees hired to date by the Post Office Department, how many were hired according to normal Civil Service qualifying and eligibility procedures and how many were appointed by Order in Council?

2. In what positions were Rod Services employees taken into the Post Office Department?

3. (a) In the case of Rod Services employees hired by the Post Office Department, were they hired through the Public Service Commission according to Civil Service regulations and normal Civil Service procedures and did they qualify for Civil Service employment in the normal way (b) were any hired as prevailing rates employees and, if so, how many and how did they qualify?

4. (a) Is it the intention of the Post Office Department to offer positions to the remaining several hundred Rod Services employees and, if so, how is it proposed to qualify them for employment according to Civil Service regulations (b) is it the intention to waive normal Civil Service procedures and eligibility lists in this instance and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. (a) 27; (b) These 27

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were hired under the Public Service Employment Act and Regulations.

2. Mail Service courier positions.

3. (a) See 1 (b); (b) No.

4. (a) The Post Office Department advises that transportation studies are under way in the Department covering all aspects of city mail transportation requirements to determine the most effective means of providing these services; (b) No.

PRE-DOCTORAL CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS

Question No. 1,926—**Mr. Saltsman:**

1. In the academic years 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, how many applications for pre-doctoral Canada Council grants were received?

2. In those years, how many were granted?

3. In those years, how many were turned down for lack of funds rather than lack of merit?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: 1. The numbers of applications for pre-doctoral fellowships were as follows: in 1965-66, 931; in 1966-67, 1053; in 1967-68, 1,435; in 1968-69, 2,504; in 1969-70, 3,603. It should be noted that the figure for 1965-66 includes 168 applications under the pre-master scholarship program which was discontinued that year.

2. The numbers of pre-doctoral fellowships granted were as follows: in 1965-66, 323; in 1966-67, 429; in 1967-68, 949; in 1968-69, 1,554; in 1969-70, 2,165. The figure for 1965-66 includes 33 awards under the pre-master scholarship program which was discontinued that year.

3. Such statistics are not known. The Council in allocating funds for doctoral fellowships takes into account the possible number of applicants from the universe of eligible doctoral candidates and the requirements of its other programmes. The members of the selection juries in assessing the applications rank the candidates in order of merit within a quota system, the formula being that of a competition and not of an examination. It is not possible, therefore, to determine the number of deserving candidates not being offered awards in a given year for lack of funds.

NEW REVISED STATUTES

Question No. 1,937—**Mr. Chappell:**

When will the new Revised Statutes of Canada be available to replace the 1952 edition?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Manuscript for the new Revised Statutes of