

Questions

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission will continue to perform the functions for which it is responsible under the terms of the National Transportation Act. Consideration is presently being given to the best means of establishing the relationship between the Commission's research functions and those which are intended to be assumed by the Transport Development Agency of the new Ministry of Transport.

CNR—CENTRALIZATION OF ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

Question No. 1,431—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. In how many cities has CNR centralized its accounting procedures?
2. Are all the accounting procedures in Manitoba being moved to Winnipeg?
3. How many accounting offices in Manitoba are being closed and in which cities and towns are offices being closed?
4. How much money will CNR save as a result of these changes in Manitoba?
5. How many employees will be required to move to Winnipeg?
6. What arrangements are being made to pay for the costs of moving?
7. Are any arrangements made to pay for the increased costs of housing for employees required to move to Winnipeg?

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: 1. In addition to the plans for centralization of Revenue Accounting procedures on the Prairie Region the Revenue Accounting activities of two areas have been consolidated in Montreal and current planning is for two further areas to be similarly dealt with later this year.

2. No.

3. None, however it is proposed to consolidate in Winnipeg, on September 1 this year, the Revenue Accounting currently performed in the area offices at Dauphin, Winnipeg and Thunder Bay.

4. Approximately \$68,000 per annum.

5. The number of positions in the consolidated office in Winnipeg which will be made available will depend on the results of negotiations between the Company and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport, and General Workers. When this number is known, qualified employees will be given the opportunity to transfer but there will be no requirement that they do so.

6. The following payments will be made pursuant to an agreement between the Rail-

way and the Associated Railway Unions, including the C.B. of R.T. and G.W., covering job security in the event of technological, operational or organizational changes: (a) Payment of door-to-door moving expenses for the eligible employee's household goods and his automobile, including packing and unpacking, insurance, and up to one month's storage; the mode of transportation to be determined by the Company. (b) An allowance of up to \$200 for incidental expenses actually incurred as a result of relocation. (c) Reasonable transportation expenses from his former location to his new location, by rail or, if authorized, by bus or employee-owned automobile, and up to \$50 for a single employee, up to \$100 for an employee and spouse OR dependent, and up to \$150 for an employee, his spouse, and dependent or dependents, for meals and temporary living accommodation. Receipts will be required for rail or bus transportation. (d) Upon authorization, an employee may drive his automobile to his new location at an allowance of 10 cents per mile. (e) Up to three working days leave without loss of basic pay.

7. There are no provisions to cover differences in costs, either increased or decreased, of housing when employees are transferred from one location to another. However, reimbursement of up to \$3,000 for loss sustained on the sale of a relocating employee's private home which he occupied as a year-round residence. Loss sustained is determined as the difference between the value determined at the outset plus any real estate agent and legal fees, and the amount established as the selling price in the deed of sale.

INCENTIVE GRANT TO STANFIELD'S LIMITED, TRURO, N.S.

Question No. 1,451—**Mr. Burton:**

1. Has the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, under the Regional Incentives Act, authorized or provided an incentive grant to Stanfield's Limited, Truro, N.S., and if so, what is the amount of the grant?

2. What is the total estimated cost of the project for which the grant was provided and what is the nature of the project and its location?

3. Who are the directors and chief executive officers of Stanfield's Limited, and what is the address of each?

4. To what extent is this company non-resident or foreign-owned or controlled?

5. What is the name and country of the known non-resident ownership in this company?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am