

Questions

stands to budworm attack. Sanitation programs can be applied to avoid losses due to stem and root diseases as in the case of Dutch elm disease and armillaria root rot. Damping off diseases in forest nurseries can be controlled by soil amendments and addition of fertilizers. Bark beetle and wood borer losses can be avoided by improved logging procedures.

Biological control programs are being applied to a number of important introduced pests. Imported parasites, predators, and diseases have been released against 16 insect species and with five of these some measure of control is already apparent.

IMMIGRANTS FROM ALGERIA

Question No. 949—Mr. Dube:

1. How many French-Algerian refugees have applied for admission to Canada?
2. How many applications were accepted?
3. How many applicants have already landed in Canada?

Mr. Bell (Carleton): 1, 2 and 3. As Algerian repatriates in France are French citizens separate statistics are not maintained on the number applying to immigrate to Canada. While Canadian immigration officials in France report many inquiries from Algerian repatriates few formal immigrant applications have been received. The admission to Canada of immigrants of French citizenship in recent years has been as follows:

1959, 1,933; 1960, 2,395; 1961, 1,987; 9 mos. 1962, 1,862.

USE OF METRIC SYSTEM IN CANADA

Question No. 950—Mr. Dube:

Has the government ever given any consideration to the advisability of changing our standards of weights and measures to the metric system now being used by most countries?

Mr. Nesbitt: By statute, metric is a legal system in Canada, and may be used by anyone who finds it beneficial so to do. At such time as it appears advisable that the adoption of metric as the sole system would be advantageous to Canada as a whole, appropriate consideration would be given to all aspects of such change.

FOREST ACCESS ROADS PROGRAM

Question No. 951—Mr. English:

What assistance has been offered to the provinces under the federal forestry aid program for improving the access to forests for fire protection and to permit expansion of forest industries?

Mr. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): Since 1958, financial assistance has been offered to all provinces for the construction of forest

access roads. Nine provinces have taken advantage of this aid and several hundred projects have been undertaken. The new roads are located to improve the protection and permit the management of undeveloped forest areas. The need for the roads is determined from the information obtained by the federally assisted inventory surveys. The new roads have resulted in the establishment of primary forest industries in a number of localities, for example, three new sawmills in the Gaspé, and one at Matachewan in Ontario. It is obvious that roads are an essential prerequisite to the attainment of sustained yield management in a particular area.

MAIL SERVICE, C.N.R. TRAIN NO. 9,
CHATHAM, ONT.**Question No. 952—Mr. Clunis:**

1. How many mail trucks pick up mail from C.N.R. train No. 9, running between Toronto and Chatham, Ontario, for delivery to post offices outside the city of Chatham?
2. What post offices receive mail delivery from these trucks?
3. On how many days, other than Sunday, has mail from C.N.R. train No. 9 arrived on time at Chatham since November 1, 1962?
4. On how many days has mail from train No. 9 arrived late at Chatham one hour or more, since November 1, 1962?

Mrs. Fairclough: 1, 3: Chatham and Leamington, Chatham and Sarnia, Chatham and Wallaceburg.

2. Charing Cross, Tilbury, Merlin Fletcher, Port Alma, Comber Ruscom station, Coatsworth station, Staples, Wheatley, Blytheswood, Leamington Kingsville, Eberts, Dresden, Tupperville, Bear Line, Dover Centre, Wallaceburg.

3. Four times.

4. Once; on the remaining days, up to and including 28th November, train 9 arrived Chatham less than one hour behind schedule.

NATIONAL PARKS PROGRAM

Question No. 955—Mr. Roxburgh:

Has an overall national parks program, in co-operation with the provinces, been considered by the federal government and, if so (a) what is the nature of such a program (b) what steps, if any, have been taken to implement it?

Mr. Dinsdale: There have been extensive discussions on various aspects of parks and outdoor recreation by the federal government and the provinces and other interested agencies, since 1957. This was one of the seven main topics considered by the resources for tomorrow conference, for example. Because of the provincial jurisdiction over resources the conference recommended the establishment of a federal-provincial parks conference. As a result, the government of Canada