

Inquiries of the Ministry

6. Yes, requests were made on three occasions for the use of this building.

7. In one instance, a theatre group performing at the new centennial theatre in Charlottetown and accommodated in the area, utilized the building for rehearsal purposes in order to avoid transportation difficulties to Charlottetown. In the other two instances, the Cavendish Beach development association used the building to serve refreshments to the R.C.A.F. Summerside band and the R.C.A. band, following band concerts in the park. These requests were all made by telephone and they were granted in view of the fact that they were made by responsible groups for a specific use.

UNIFORM FOOD GRADING SYSTEM

Question No. 2,192—**Mr. Mather:**

Is consideration being given to establishing a uniform food grading system throughout the country, such as Canada No. 1, No. 2, No. 3?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Yes. This matter is being studied to determine if it would be feasible and practicable to establish a uniform grading system. Uniform food grading is no doubt desirable, but the grades of many food products, which have been established for many years, are understood and recognized in international trading, thus they do not lend themselves readily to change.

STUDENT LOANS

Question No. 2,196—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

1. As of September 30, 1964, how many students in each province and territory have been granted Canada student loans?

2. In each province and territory, what was the total of loans granted as of September 30, 1964?

Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. This information is not yet available.

2. This information is not yet available.

* SITE FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH OBSERVATORY

Question No. 2,198—**Mr. Basford:**

Has a site been selected for construction of the Queen Elizabeth II observatory and, if so, what is the site?

Hon. W. M. Benidickson (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question asked by the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard as to whether a site has been selected for construction of the Queen Elizabeth II observatory and, if so, what is the site, I should like to state that public announcement of the site was made on

October 28, 1964. It will be located on Mount Kobau in the southern Okanagan valley in the province of British Columbia.

WIDENING OF TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY,
WINNIPEG

Question No. 2,234—**Mr. Enns:**

1. Has the Minister of Transport been approached by Manitoba's minister of public works in connection with widening the trans-Canada highway to four lanes west from Winnipeg to the junction of No. 4 highway?

2. Is the unused Cabot line of the C.N.R. required for this project and will the Minister of Transport urge the board of transport commissioners to consider Manitoba's request to have the C.N.R.'s application to abandon this line, heard before the end of the year so that the said track can be lifted during the winter to allow an early start on the expressway next spring?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): 1. Yes, informally.

2. It has been indicated to the minister of public works of Manitoba that, if he makes a proposal in the name of the Manitoba government that the hearing on the abandonment of the Cabot line be proceeded with, the Minister of Transport would pass that request on to the board of transport commissioners with the suggestion that this particular application for abandonment be removed from the freeze.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER
FOR RETURN

CLOSED CIVIL SERVICE COMPETITIONS

Question No. 2,082—**Mr. Francis:**

For each department, for each of the past three years (a) how many closed competitions were held (b) how many of these competitions were subject to appeal (c) in how many competitions was an appeal sustained (d) in how many appeals was the final result the promotion of a different candidate than originally recommended?

Return tabled.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

METHOD OF CONSULTATION RESPECTING
CHANGES IN RELATIONSHIP

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in reference to the press announcement about Indian affairs. Will the minister indicate what procedure the government has in mind, and his department in particular, to assure that each Indian band, reserve and tribe in this country will have a right to vote on whether they want a change in their relationship with the federal