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the R.C.M. Police, every effort will be made to instruct drivers of cars and chartered buses where they may park.

*R.C.M.P. REPORT ON CAR EXPLOSION

Question No. 776—**Mr. Choquette:**

Have the Royal Canadian Mounted Police submitted a report giving information on the explosion which wrecked the car of the former member for Trois-Rivières, Hon. Léon Balcer, in 1964?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is as follows. Reports were submitted to the R.C.M. P. headquarters, Ottawa, by members of the R.C.M.P. at Trois-Rivières, Quebec, in connection with the burning of Mr. Balcer's car in the early morning of October 17, 1964.

*R.C.M.P. INVESTIGATION INTO QUEBEC FIRE

Question No. 777—**Mr. Choquette:**

Are the Royal Canadian Mounted Police now investigating the fire which devastated the residence of the Lieutenant Governor of the province of Quebec, and have they any clues indicating that this fire was due to terrorist activities on the part of revolutionary separatists?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the answer to both part 1 and part 2 of this question is no.

FEDERAL PROPOSALS RESPECTING
GARIBALDI PARKQuestion No. 780—**Mr. Douglas:**

1. Has the federal government made any proposal to the government of British Columbia to establish Garibaldi Park in British Columbia as a national park?

2. If so, when was such an offer made?

3. Did the federal government make any proposals as to the amount of money the federal government would consider spending for development purposes if Garibaldi park became a national park?

4. If so, what were those proposals?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): 1. Yes.

2, 3, 4. Formal and informal offers have been made by successive governments for at least the past 10 years. The present government first formally renewed the proposal on June 13, 1963. Subsequent proposals envisioned initial development expenditures of approximately \$10,000,000. The most specific development proposals were contained in a statement of November 4, 1965, outlining plans to: (a) Negotiate suitable boundaries for the park which would exclude areas of resource conflicts. (b) Provide suitable low

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elevation areas for public camping facilities and other visitor services. (c) Identify prime natural features and major scenic attractions. (d) Zone the park to ensure for preservation of key areas. (e) Prepare a master plan to guide long term development which would probably include: (i) Road access via a scenic alpine drive to the Diamond Head area. (ii) Campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, shelters, and a scenic view lodge. (iii) Park interpretive facilities, nature exhibits and nature trails. (iv) Improvement of the existing jeep road to provide bus access to the icefields. (v) A high level trail system connecting to the Whistler mountain ski area. (vi) The preservation of the alpine meadows in the Black Tusk area. (vii) Boating facilities on Garibaldi and Cheakamus lakes.

WAR VETERANS BENEFITS

Question No. 806—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. What criteria are applicable for the granting of a pension of a war veteran?

2. What criteria are applied to refuse a pension to a war veteran?

3. Does a war veteran who has served overseas enjoy certain benefits which are denied to one who has stayed in Canada?

4. What are these benefits?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1 and 2. War disability pensions are paid under the provisions of the Pension Act R.S.C. 1952, c. 207 as amended from time to time.

3. Yes.

4. (1) Eligibility for benefits for veterans who had active service during world war I or world war II, or who served in Korea, and where overseas service is one of the qualifying factors, is set forth in the relevant legislation as follows: (a) Civil Service Act: section 40, section 41. (b) Department of Veterans Affairs Act: (i) Veterans treatment regulations; section 2(1)(j); sections 12; 13; 29, (ii) Last Post fund regulations; section 2(e), (iii) Veterans Burial regulations; section 4(b). (c) Pension Act: sections 2(v); 13(1)(c); 4(g); 14(4); 15; 28(3)(a). (d) Soldier Settlement Act: section 2(s). (e) Veterans Benefit Act, 1954: section 2(c), and remaining sections applicable to other acts in world war II veterans charter. (f) Veterans' Land Act: sections 2(1)(d); 10; 46. (g) War Service Grants Act: sections 2(j) and 2(m); 3; 8. (h) War Veterans Allowance Act; sections 2(1)(k); 3; 5; 30. (i) Assistance fund (WVA) regulations: section 7.