

Questions

1967, 133 export permit applications were received for export shipments to the People's Republic of China.

2. Disclosure of the names of companies involved is not in public interest.

3. (a) Same as for part 2. (b) No explanation is required for withdrawal of applications.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPLICATIONS

Question No. 567—**Mr. Laprise:**

How many initial applications were made by claimants to the unemployment insurance commission during the years 1965 and 1966?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):
Fiscal year ending 31 March, 1966, 1,189,617.
Fiscal year ending 31 March, 1967, 1,212,740.

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT VEHICLE,
SHEET HARBOUR, N.S.Question No. 583—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Does the Department of Fisheries own a motor vehicle for its operations in and around Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia?

2. If so (a) for what purposes is the vehicle used (b) how many miles has it travelled this year (c) is use for non-departmental purposes permitted (d) has the department or its local officials at Sheet Harbour received complaints that the vehicle is used for non-departmental purposes?

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries):

1. Yes, two vehicles.

2(a) One vehicle, a 1966 half-ton pickup based in Halifax, is presently used for transport of biological staff and equipment between Halifax and Sheet Harbour and to operational sites on the East and West Rivers as well as other rivers and streams in the general vicinity of Sheet Harbour in connection with a major fisheries resource development project in that region.

The second, which is a fish transfer tank truck, is used to transfer adult salmon from fish trapping facilities in connection with the East river fisheries development and rehabilitation program, and to transport young salmon smolts from departmental fish hatcheries to release sites on the East river. (b) 12,300 miles and 8,700 miles respectively to the end of September, 1967. (c) No. (d) No.

PROHIBITION OF MAIL FOR CERTAIN
COUNTRIESQuestion No. 587—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Do Canadian postal regulations prohibit the acceptance of letter mail and/or parcel post to certain countries?

[Mr. Cantin.]

2. If so, to what countries does this prohibition extend?

3. On what dates did these postal regulation prohibitions become effective?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):

1. While letter mail service from Canada is available to all countries, there are certain countries for which parcel post cannot be accepted.

2. Parcel post service does not operate to the following countries: China; Republic of Laos; Mongolia, Peoples Republic; North Korea; North Viet Nam.

3. The parcel post service was suspended on the dates indicated hereunder: China, May, 1949; Republic of Laos, November, 1960; Mongolia, Peoples Republic, the service has never been available; North Korea, July, 1950; North Viet Nam, May, 1959.

CONTINUATION OF OLD AGE SECURITY
PAYMENTS AFTER DEATHQuestion No. 594—**Mr. Southam:**

Will the government consider the continuation of old age security payments for one year after the death of a recipient, so that his estate may be retained to cover costs of funeral services, and to assist in the rehabilitation or relocation of dependant survivors?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No. The purpose of old age security is to provide for current needs of individuals who have qualified for the pension. The law requires that payment cease with effect from the month following death. Because payment is made toward the end of each month, this means that the final payment in the majority of cases goes to the estate. To the extent this is done, there is some money available for post-death expenses.

The suggested change would cost approximately \$80,000,000 per year, and would result in a year's payment going to many pensioners whose estates are already able to take care of post-death expenses. It would also mean a year's payment would go to the estate of many pensioners who had no survivors.

FEDERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION,
AMHERST, N.S.Question No. 601—**Mr. Coates:**

On what date does the government intend to initiate construction of the new federal building that will be constructed in Amherst, Nova Scotia?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): This matter is now under review.