

Questions

(e) A study dealing with the integration of construction engineering facilities and staff is being conducted.

OLD AGE PENSION INCREASE

Question No. 826—Mr. Mather:

Is it the government's intention to increase old age pension payments by \$10 a month and, if so, will the \$10 increase be made to persons on war veterans allowance?

Mr. Haidasz: (a) Any change in the amount payable under the Old Age Security Act will be announced by the government in the usual manner.

(b) Increases in payments under the Old Age Security Act are always granted to all pensioners.

CANADIAN AID TO CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Question No. 830—Mr. Matheson:

1. What, if anything, has the federal government done during the years 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962 to provide external aid for the following commonwealth countries (a) the British West Indies (the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, the Leeward islands including Anquilla and Barbuda and the Windward islands and Barbados) (b) Jamaica (c) British Guiana (d) British Honduras?

2. Has the federal government selected any area for a major effort in overseas aid during what the United Nations have characterized as "the development decade", and, if so, what area?

3. Has Canada heretofore provided any assistance to Caribbean countries in the following directions (a) mapping and soil surveys (b) mineral exploration (c) developing new crops (d) developing new uses for available raw materials (e) finding new fish and marine resources (f) solving power needs and communication problems (g) the provision of experts, and, if so, when and to whom?

4. What, if anything, has the federal government done to conceptualize, plan or co-ordinate aid to Caribbean countries from (a) universities (b) corporations (c) co-operatives (d) trade unions (e) voluntary societies?

Mr. Stewart: 1. In each of the years mentioned Canadian external aid in the form of capital projects and technical and educational assistance has been extended to the West Indies Federation, which included Jamaica, at an average annual level of \$2 million. British Guiana and British Honduras during these same years have been eligible for assistance under our commonwealth technical assistance program and to each of these countries \$50,000 has been allocated annually in recent years. In addition, students from the islands comprising the West Indies Federation as well as from British Guiana and British Honduras have been awarded scholarships in Canadian universities under the commonwealth scholarship and fellowship program.

Capital assistance to the area has included the following major items:

Projects	Recipient	Completion
Two cargo passenger vessels for inter-island traffic	—	Delivered 1961
Forest inventory survey	Dominica	Completed 1962
Vocational school equipment	St. Kitts	Delivered 1960
Deep water wharf	St. Vincent	Scheduled completion Nov. 1963
University residence hall	Trinidad	Scheduled completion Oct. 1963
Port handling equipment	Barbados	Delivery in 1963
Primary schools	Grenada	In design stage, construction to commence this fall.
Port warehouses	Antigua	Construction to commence this fall.
Drilling and development of fresh water wells	Dominica	Started 1962
Construction equipment	St. Lucia	scheduled completion September 1963.
Technical education equipment	St. Kitts	Delivered in 1961 and 1962.
Survey and firefighting equipment	St. Kitts	Delivered in 1961 and 1962.
	Nevis	
	Anguilla	
	Montserrat	
	British Guiana	Delivered in 1961 and 1962.
	British Guiana	Delivered in 1961 and 1962.
	British Honduras	Delivered in 1961 and 1962.