

Questions

2. If so (a) what will be the size of the facilities, and the estimated cost of same (b) will these facilities be operated by the government or by private interests (c) if by private interests, what is the name of the person or company who will operate same (d) for what purpose will the facilities be used?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

2. (a) Wharf section 300 feet long by 40 feet wide with an approach section 140 feet long by 40 feet wide. The estimated cost of a proposed structure is not made public before tenders have been received. The cost will be shared equally between the government and the New Brunswick Development Corporation. (b) By the government. (c) Not applicable. (d) The landing of tuna, the movement of materials to and from industries which may establish in the park or area, and other public uses such as the shipment of lumber.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL COVERAGE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Question No. 2,115—Mr. Irvine: Supplementary

1. Is an answer available to part 2 of question No. 2,005 which was removed from the order paper?
2. If not, when may one be expected?

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Yes. I am informed by the Ministers of National Health and Welfare and Manpower and Immigration that the answer previously given in response to question No. 2,005 was intended to apply to both parts 1 and 2 in that the Ministers of both Departments concerned have received representations from International House of London pertaining to basic hospital protection for new immigrants and monetary or other consideration for newly arrived pregnant wives. As indicated in the answer given to question No. 2,005, these representations are being studied to see what further measures might be warranted. Subsequent to the tabling of the answer to question No. 2,005, advice was received by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that Ontario Blue Cross has introduced a voluntary contributory hospital care plan designed specifically to provide for the payment of hospital bills incurred by new arrivals during the waiting period of three months prescribed under the Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan. It is understood that at least one other provincial Blue Cross organization is considering the possibility of introducing a similar plan.

[Mr. MacEwan.]

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL COVERAGE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Question No. 2,116—Mr. Irvine:

Regarding Question No. 2,005, Part 1 (*Hansard* October 26, 1966), what in detail is meant by "Various arrangements have been in effect for many years to ensure adequate protection against such expenses during an immigrant's initial period of establishment in Canada"?

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Ministers of National Health and Welfare and Manpower and Immigration that the arrangements referred to in the answer given to Question No. 2,005, include four separate areas of coverage for immigrants. First, the federal government absorbs the cost of any emergency hospital, medical or dental care required by indigent immigrants while en route from port of arrival in Canada to final destination. Second, the federal government absorbs any similar expenditures incurred by immigrants at any time they are in receipt of assistance from the Department of Manpower and Immigration. Third, the federal government has entered into arrangements with all provinces, except Quebec and Manitoba, whereby the provinces have accepted responsibility for the provision of assistance required by immigrants after they have been placed in initial employment by the Department of Manpower and Immigration. Recipients of such assistance are thereby entitled to the same medical coverage available to other Canadian residents in similar circumstances. Lastly, the federal government has formal arrangements with all provinces except Quebec, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, whereby the two governments concerned share equally hospitalization expenses on behalf of immigrants who become indigent during their first year in Canada where the expenses are not covered by provincial hospital insurance plans. Hospital coverage under these agreements extends for a full 12 months from the date of any approved application for hospitalization benefits made during the immigrant's first year in Canada.

*EMPLOYMENT IN THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Question No. 2,178—Mr. Crossman:

1. What was the total number of unemployed in the Atlantic provinces for the month of October in 1960 and 1966?
2. What was the regional unemployment rate in the Atlantic provinces for the month of October in 1960 and 1966?