

estimate of work, prepared monthly, and the remaining 10 per cent on completion of contract.

Carbonear—Amount of contract \$321,540. The contractor is paid 90 per cent of progress estimate of work, prepared monthly, and the remaining 10 per cent on completion of contract.

3. Yes.

4. Bonavista—

North Shore Construction Ltd.	\$184,769.40
Diamond Construction Company Ltd. ....	232,848.00
Concrete Products (Newfoundland) Ltd. ....	246,617.30
Carbonear—	
Chester Dawe Ltd. ....	\$321,540.00
North Shore Construction Ltd.	391,590.00
Concrete Products (Newfoundland) Ltd. ....	412,650.00
McNamara Construction Co., Ltd. ....	423,125.00

The lowest tender was accepted in each case.

#### HEALTH GRANTS—ONTARIO HOSPITAL SCHOOL, SMITHS FALLS

**Mr. Fulford:**

Has any financial assistance been given under the health grants program to the Ontario hospital school at Smiths Falls?

**Mr. McCusker:** Yes, a grant of approximately \$217,240 has recently been made toward the cost of operating this school to March 31, 1952.

#### ARMED FORCES DEPENDENTS—ALLOWANCES

**Mr. Harkness:**

1. Have the increases in allowances put through at the last session of parliament, for the children of men killed overseas, been paid if the mother of the child, or children, has since remarried?

2. If not, what is the reason and the authority for not making the payment?

3. How many children are affected, and what is the saving to the taxpayer if payment is not made?

4. What is the number of widows with children who have remarried, and what is the saving to the taxpayer due to their remarriage?

**Mr. Mutch:**

1. All such cases of remarriage are being reviewed. Where need is established, the award for the child or children is increased above the ordinary rate.

2. The act was amended in June, 1951, and in Bill No. 288, an act to amend the Pension Act, the following explanatory note appears:

The purpose of this amendment is to make more adequate provision for the children of pensioned widows and to increase their awards to correspond to orphan rates which are double the ordinary rates for children.

#### Questions

A remarried widow is no longer a pensioned widow.

3. Approximately 3,500; impossible to state as review is still underway.

4. Approximately 3,200. A pensioned widow receives a bonus of twelve months' pension on remarriage. It is impossible to estimate the saving as the Canadian pension commission cannot determine the life expectancy of the widows.

#### TELEGRAM RATES

**Mr. Pouliot:**

What is the actual rate for (a) full rate telegrams; (b) day letters; (c) night messages; (d) night letters, between each one of the provinces compared to the previous rates?

**An hon. Member:** Dropped.

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** If the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) is not here, I suggest that it be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member is not here. It will stand.

#### NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION

**Mr. Smith (Queens-Shelburne):**

1. With respect to the northwest Atlantic fisheries convention relating to the regulation and conservation of the deep-sea fisheries, which countries (a) have ratified the convention; (b) have not yet done so?

2. What steps have been taken by Canada and other countries to implement the terms of the convention?

3. What studies will be made of the possibility of wasteful fishing on the continental shelf?

**Mr. MacNaught:**

1. (a) Canada, Denmark, Iceland, United Kingdom, United States. (b) France, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain.

2. As required by article II of the convention the international commission for the northwest Atlantic fisheries has been established. It held its first meeting at Washington, D.C., in April, 1951. The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for June, 1952, at St. Andrews, N.B. Meetings of the scientists have been held and meetings of the panels or working committees of the commission are being held. It can be said the terms of the convention are now being implemented and made operative, investigations being made by the scientific personnel for submission to the international commission.

3. Studies are being conducted by the scientific group of the countries concerned. Reports will be made to the panels or working committees and subsequently to the commission for recommendation for action by the contracting governments. The investigations will include methods of fishing and the