

mented by internal instructions to port officers. These instructions are based on court decisions under the Customs Tariff Act and under corresponding sections of the Criminal Code. Where a Customs officer considers the material comes within the Tariff Item, it is referred to headquarters for decision.

2. Headquarters is guided by the definitions contained in the related sections of the Criminal Code and court judgments which have been made under those sections and under the Customs Tariff Act.

3. The ordinary filing system is maintained for all items forwarded and reviewed at headquarters. No separate list of material prohibited under the Tariff item is maintained nor does the department issue such a list.

4. The decisions are made by persons classified as senior executive officers possessing qualifications in accordance with the established standards.

EXPERIMENT WITH TIDAL POWER SCHEMES

Question No. 2,046—Mr. Coates:

Has the government given consideration to requesting the National Research Council to undertake the project involving the information provided in the report submitted by the Atlantic Tidal Power Programming Board that would result in the development of a miniature environment, geographically identical to that studied by the Board that would allow the National Research Council to experiment with the Tidal Power Schemes under investigation by the Board as well as the comparison of alternative schemes and if such a request has not been made to the National Research Council, will the government give consideration to making such a request to that Council?

Mr. Barney Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): The Government has not given consideration to requesting the National Research Council to undertake experiments on Tidal Power schemes. It does not intend to do so unless new factors arise which change the circumstances referred to in the report of the Board set up jointly by the Governments of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia which concluded that "Economic development of tidal power in the Bay of Fundy is not feasible under prevailing circumstances".

REMOVAL OF PONIES FROM SABLE ISLAND

Question No. 2,047—Mr. Coates:

Is the government considering any action that would result in the removal of ponies from Sable Island and, if so, what actions are contemplated and for what reason?

Questions

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): No.

*INTERLAKE REGION OF MANITOBA

Question No. 2,048—Mr. Rowland:

Is the government developing a contingency plan designed to reduce or eliminate the effects of economic and social dislocation upon the Interlake Region of Manitoba should the processing plant of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation be relocated and, if so, will the appropriate Minister undertake to make a statement on motions informing the House of the nature of the plan once it has been developed?

Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Department of Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of Manpower and Immigration inform that no economic or social dislocation as a result of any relocation of fish processing plant is foreseen for the interlake region of Manitoba.

The Department of Fisheries and Forestry is actively studying proposals for collaborating with the provincial government of Manitoba in various measures designed to counter the decline in yield in recent years of the commercial fishery in the large southern Manitoba lakes. The objective is to achieve better long term use of the resources available to the advantage of the interlake region of the province. Appropriate announcements will be made as soon as practicable.

The Department of Manpower and Immigration, with other federal and provincial agencies, is continuing its considerable efforts to assist the residents of the interlake region. This department provides, amongst other services, occupational counselling, selection and referral to employment, occupational training and upgrading with income replacement allowances, and financial mobility assistance.

FERRY JOHN GUY

Question No. 2,049—Mr. McGrath:

What was the gross income and operating expenses for the past fiscal year of the ferry *John Guy* between Bell Island and Portugal Cove, Newfoundland?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: Under Section 390 of the Railway Act, the information requested is privileged.