

5. If such recommendations were made, has action been taken upon them and, if so, what action?

6. Was the work being carried out by William Scudder, just prior to his death under supervision and inspection of others and, if so, by whom?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. Yes, Mr. Scudder an employee of Halifax Shipyards Limited, died as a result of burns sustained in a flash fire aboard H.M.C.S. *Provider*.

2. A naval board of inquiry was held to determine the cause of the fire and report on the damage to H.M.C.S. *Provider*. It is not known whether any civil inquiry was held in regard to Mr. Scudder's death. This would be a provincial responsibility.

3 and 4. Service boards of inquiry are not public inquiries. The findings and recommendations of such a board are privileged.

5. Appropriate action is being taken on the recommendations of the board of inquiry.

6. Yes, the contractor, Halifax Shipyards Limited.

FEED GRAIN STORAGE, ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Question No. 953—**Mr. Flemming:**

1. Are feed grains from western Canada now available at various distribution points in the Atlantic provinces at reasonable prices?

2. If so, have adequate storage facilities been provided to guarantee continuity of supply?

3. If so, at what points?

4. Are feed grains brought in during the summer season via the St. Lawrence seaway and thereby made available to consumers in the Atlantic provinces after the seaway traffic has ceased?

**Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry):**

1. Until March, supplies were short, but with the coming into effect, on March 9, of new reduced and competitive rail rates from the lakehead, western feed grains will now be available at more reasonable prices.

2. At the close of navigation, storage space at Halifax was not sufficient to cater to both domestic and export trade.

3. See 1 and 2 above.

4. Yes, for most of the needs.

\*GRANT TO HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL

Question No. 959—**Mr. Noble:**

1. Has the government made a decision on the application of the Canadian highway safety council for an increase in their grant?

2. If so, what is the amount of the increase in the grant?

3. If not, when will a decision be made?

Questions

**Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. Yes.

2. \$15,000, to bring total grant to \$40,000.

3. Not applicable.

OIL EXPLORATION PERMITS, EAST COAST

Question No. 960—**Mr. MacLean (Queens):**

Has the government of Canada issued exploration licences or permits to persons or companies for the exploration of oil off the east coast of Canada and, if so, how many such licences or permits have been issued in the last three years?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** Yes, 986.

AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Question No. 965—**Mr. Mather:**

What percentage of Canadian aid to developing countries during 1965 was in the form of direct aid, such as food and other supplies, and what percentage was used to assist in "self-help" programs, i.e., the modernization and development of capital agricultural facilities and the improvement in production methods?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Of the total of \$165 million in multilateral and bilateral grant aid and development loans made available to developing countries during the fiscal year 1965-66, 21 per cent was in the form of food-stuffs. Approximately 16 per cent was devoted to the modernization and development of capital agricultural facilities in the form of projects such as irrigation and land reclamation, construction of food storage facilities, resources surveys, provision of fertilizers and fertilizer components and rural electrification schemes. In addition, substantial amounts were allocated for other economic development projects, many of which indirectly benefit agricultural production, including in particular power development, improvement in transport, increased educational facilities, and the provision of technical assistance.

\*\*"CANADA 1966"—MAP OF AIR ROUTES

Question No. 976—**Mr. Sherman:**

1. When preparing the map for the publication *Canada 1966*, will the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys undertake to show thereon (a) the existence of a direct Air Canada route from Winnipeg to the United Kingdom via Hudson Bay (b) the existence of a direct Air Canada route from Winnipeg to Ottawa (c) the existence of a direct Trans Air route from Winnipeg to Churchill?

2. If not, for what reason?