

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** It has been the policy of successive Canadian Governments to allow duty-free entry of equipment for the use of the commercial fisheries in Canada. No change in this policy is contemplated at the present time.

#### ABOLITION AND REFORM OF SENATE

Question No. 1,391—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the government giving consideration to proposing abolition of the Senate?
2. Is the government giving consideration to reform of the Senate with a view to permitting it to perform more useful functions in the governmental process?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** 1. No.

2. The government presented to the Constitutional Conference in 1969 propositions with respect to the Senate in a working paper entitled "The Constitution and the People of Canada" and these propositions were subsequently discussed with the provincial governments. No further discussions are planned at present.

#### "HMCS RESTIGOUCHE" REFIT

Question No. 1,395—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. What was the cost of repairs to damages incurred by *HMCS Restigouche* during refit?
2. For what period of time was *HMCS Restigouche* out of service due to the damages referred to in Part 1?
3. Is there evidence that any of the damage was the result of deliberate action?
4. Is legal action against the shipyard contemplated?
5. (a) Is *HMCS Restigouche* being transferred from the East Coast flotilla to the West Coast flotilla (b) was *HMCS Restigouche* slated for such a transfer prior to her refit or has the decision been made subsequent to the inquiries?
6. Is court martial action against naval engineering staff being contemplated?

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Supply and Services as follows: 1. It is estimated that when repairs are completed towards the end of April, labour costs plus replacement components will be in the neighbourhood of \$750,000.

2. Approximately seven months.

3. No.

4. In all contract cases when the department feels that the full terms of the contract have not been met, it is the practice to have legal officers of the Department of Justice to study the circumstances. This is being done with regard to *HMCS Restigouche*.

5. (a) and (b) Yes; the decision was made before discovery of corrosion damage and subsequent repair.

6. No.

#### Order Paper Questions

##### SHORTAGE OF MARINE ENGINEERS IN SEA ELEMENT ON WEST COAST

Question No. 1,448—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. What steps is the government taking to alleviate the serious shortage of marine engineers in the sea element on the West Coast?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** 1. The Ministry of Transport maintains a close liaison with the West Coast marine engineering schools under the control of the Province of British Columbia, in order to co-operate in the establishment and availability of suitable courses for marine engineers requiring basic and advanced training.

##### INDIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING UNIVERSITY IN 1971-72

Question No. 1,464—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Of Indian students attending university in 1971-72, how many of those who began the first year completed the full course in each year?
2. How many Indian students attending university in 1971-72 withdrew before the end of the academic year?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** 1. 282

2. 105

##### NATIONAL DEFENCE—MANPOWER STRENGTH IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Question No. 1,473—**Mr. McGrath:**

1. What is the total strength of Canadian Forces personnel stationed in each of the four Atlantic Provinces—Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick?
2. What defence establishments are located in these Provinces?
3. What is the total strength of Canadian Forces for each of the other six provinces, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):**

1. Newfoundland, 794; Prince Edward Island, 1,069; Nova Scotia, 12,809; New Brunswick, 4,748; total; 19,420.

2. Newfoundland: Canadian Forces Station Gander; Canadian Forces Station Goose Bay; Canadian Forces Station St. John's. Prince Edward Island: Canadian Forces Base Summerside. Nova Scotia: Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis; Canadian Forces Base Greenwood; Canadian Forces Base Halifax; Canadian Forces Base Shearwater; Canadian Forces Station Barrington Canadian Forces Station Mill Cove; Canadian Forces Station Shelburne; Canadian Forces Station Sydney. New Brunswick: Canadian Forces Base Chatham; Canadian Forces Base Gagetown; Canadian Forces Base Moncton.

3. Quebec, 10,691; Ontario, 24,150; Manitoba, 4,172; Saskatchewan, 1,521; Alberta, 8,111 British Columbia, 8,480; Yukon, 4; Northwest Territories, 325.

##### NATIONAL DEFENCE—CONTRACT FOR OFFICERS MESS AT CFB ESQUIMALT

Question No. 1,477—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. What firm has been given the architects contract for the Ratings Mess at CFB Esquimalt?