

Questions

supervisory commission staff, an investigation was instituted and the individuals concerned were brought back to Canada to be questioned by the appropriate authorities. Written confessions were obtained from them and they were suspended from the Department of External Affairs, pending final investigations and dismissal. Under Canadian law dismissal is the extent of the punishment which can be given in the case of these two men.

The Department of Justice and the Department of External Affairs have been considering the extension of extraterritorial jurisdiction over Canadian government employees abroad. Last summer the commission on uniformity of legislation, consisting of the assistant deputy attorneys general or senior solicitors of the provinces examined this proposal, and detailed legislation is now being prepared to amend the Criminal Code in this respect.

(b) There was no question of diplomatic immunity involved in the case of any of the Canadians, civilian or military, who were alleged to have been engaged in smuggling. These activities were discovered by the Canadian authorities and dealt with by them as expeditiously as possible. All those concerned were returned to Canada where a full scale investigation into the allegations made against them could be carried out.

The local authorities made no representations to the Canadian authorities concerning these allegations and therefore the question of their liability under the laws of another country has never been raised.

2. Answered by answer to 1(b).

SABLE ISLAND EAST BEACON LIGHT

Question No. 293—Mr. Morris:

1. Has an automatic daylight-controlled acetylene valve been installed for operation of the unattended acetylene beacon light at Sable island east light-house?

2. Does the valve extinguish the light during daylight hours?

3. Does it reignite each evening?

4. Is there an additional valve and control to monitor the main light at night?

5. Does failure of the main light cause the second valve to ignite an emergency light; and, if so, at what interval?

6. How many failures have occurred in the system since it commenced operation, and to what was failure due?

Answer by: Mr. Martini:

1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Yes.

4. Yes.

5. Yes; 2¼ minutes.

6. There was one failure of the east light because the department's supply vessel was

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

delayed in reaching Sable island and replenishment of gas was thereby delayed. In this interval the stand-by acetylene light came into operation automatically.

HOUSING LOANS FOR FALL-OUT SHELTERS

Question No. 294—Mr. Pitman:

1. What has been the breakdown by provinces of successful applications under provisions for National Housing Act loans for new houses for allowances for fall-out shelters to January 31, 1962?

2. What has been the breakdown by provinces of loans for the construction of fall-out shelters under the home improvement loan provision of the National Housing Act?

3. How many of these successful applications have come from the Ottawa area?

Answer by: Mr. Walker:

1. Number of N.H.A. loans, for new houses, which included allowances for fall-out shelters, to January 31, 1962.

Newfoundland	1
Prince Edward Island	nil
Nova Scotia	nil
New Brunswick	1
Quebec	30
Ontario	13
Manitoba	2
Saskatchewan	1
Alberta	11
British Columbia	3
Canada	62

2. Number of N.H.A. home improvement loans for fall-out shelters, to January 31, 1962.

Newfoundland	nil
Prince Edward Island	nil
Nova Scotia	nil
New Brunswick	4
Quebec	17
Ontario	27
Manitoba	2
Saskatchewan	10
Alberta	18
British Columbia	16
Canada	94

3. Number of fall-out shelters in the Ottawa area included in items 1 and 2 above—5.

*BANK OF CANADA PENSION FUND

Question No. 298—Mr. Fisher:

1. What authority has the Minister of Finance or any other minister in the supervision of the pension fund of the Bank of Canada?

2. Has this authority been questioned in any way or been the subject of any discussion on the part of the government and/or the directors of the Bank of Canada; and, if so, to what effect?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The answer is as follows:

1. None.

2. Answered by 1.