

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): No. (a) not applicable; (b) not applicable; (c) not applicable; (d) not applicable.

GRAIN HANDLING PROBLEMS

Question No. 1,144—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

Is the government aware of the statement made by the Director of the Processed Food Division of the Japanese Food Agency in Vancouver recently that "Canada either cleans up the aggravating grain handling situation which is a discredit to the Port of Vancouver or Japan will turn to other suppliers for its wheat and barley supplies" and, if so, what action is the government taking to ensure that the negative results of snowslides, insufficient storage and loading capacity and labour disputes will be overcome in the future?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): As a result of government awareness of West Coast grain handling problems, the Canadian Transport Commission appointed a Grain Car Co-ordinator to coordinate efforts to improve the throughput of grain through Vancouver. More recently the Canadian Wheat Board has initiated a storage construction incentive program which has led to proposals for the construction of an additional 10.4 million bushels storage capacity. This will significantly improve our west coast grain throughput. At the same time efforts are also being directed at achieving a more consistent use of the elevator at Prince Rupert. The Canadian Wheat Board storage incentive program has been extended for Prince Rupert while the Canadian Grain Commission has requested proposals from the grain trade aimed at ensuring a better utilization of this facility. Both railways have ongoing programs aimed at stabilizing rock walls and reducing slide problems in the Fraser Canyon. At the same time, new rail interconnections have been constructed in the Vancouver area. These actions will have the effect of reducing, if not eliminating, many of the rail delays that have occurred in the past. Vancouver port labour problems have been the focus of much attention in recent years. Thanks to consistent efforts by all concerned there has been a steady improvement in labor relations at the port. In summary the government is aware of the past problems of moving grain through the west coast and has in hand programs designed to reduce these problems.

COMPENSATION FOR PRIMROSE LAKE BOMBING RANGE

Question No. 1,241—Mr. Cadieu:

Has compensation been paid to any individual, group, association or the Government of Saskatchewan by the Department of National Defence for the lease of land for the Primrose Lake bombing range in Northwestern Saskatchewan and, if so (a) on what date (b) to whom and by what method (c) how much?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): Yes. (a) Annually on March 31. (b) To the province of Saskatchewan by government of Canada cheque. (c) 1954-74 \$88,813 per annum; 1974-76, \$453,570 per annum.

DEPARTMENTAL ADVERTISEMENT

Question No. 1,370—Mr. Beatty:

1. What was the cost to the taxpayer of the advertisement on the back cover of the December 11, 1976 issue of *Weekend Magazine* informing readers that the

[Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton).]

Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs likes fairness in the marketplace and supports Canadians' right to "receive honest information"?

2. Did the Minister visit his Department's offices in Place du Portage at any time prior to placing the advertisement?

3. Was the mailing address in the advertisement and, if so (a) for what reason (b) is this the Minister's departmental address?

4. Would the Minister agree that giving the address of his departmental offices as "Place du Portage, Ottawa/Hull" is an example of misleading advertising?

Hon. A. C. Abbott (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. \$16,860.

2. Yes the Minister has worked in the departmental office regularly since his appointment.

3. (a). Yes, to provide an address for consumer responses. (b) Yes.

4. No.

UIC—BENEFITS PAID TO VARIOUS INCOME CLASSES FOR 1973

Question No. 1,420—Mr. Lawrence:

For the 1973 taxation year, how many persons in Canada with a taxable income of (a) \$20,000 to \$25,000 (b) \$25,000 to \$50,000 (c) \$50,000 to \$100,000 (d) \$100,000 and over, received unemployment insurance benefits and, in each income class, what was the total amount paid?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): See reply to question 1,047 answered December 17, 1976.

UIC—BENEFITS PAID TO VARIOUS INCOME CLASSES FOR 1974

Question No. 1,421—Mr. Lawrence:

For the 1974 taxation year, how many persons in Canada with a taxable income of (a) \$20,000 to \$25,000 (b) \$25,000 to \$50,000 (c) \$50,000 to \$100,000 (d) \$100,000 and over, received unemployment insurance benefits and, in each income class, what was the total amount paid?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): See reply to question 1,048 answered December 17, 1976.

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[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 753 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately. The reason is the length and complexity of the requested information.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure that question No. 753 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.