

Questions

the city of Kingston on January 11, 1965 including a testimonial dinner at which the three levels of government were represented and which was partly financed through a grant from the centennial commission.

3. Yes. Arrangements are being finalized for a permanent memorial in the city of Kingston to mark the occasion. The project will be financed jointly by the city of Kingston, the Ontario government and the federal government.

CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS

Question No. 1,830—**Mr. Smith:**

In the 1964-65 budget of the Canada Council, in the category, theatre, ballet and opera, what organizations are to receive grants and in what amounts?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Because of section 13 of the Canada Council Act, the council is not an agent of Her Majesty; consequently, the government does not have records showing the statistics requested in this question, and the government has no power to direct the council to supply this information. The legal relationship was explained by the Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker on November 27, 1957 (*Hansard*, pp. 1558-9) and on June 18, 1958 (*Hansard*, p. 1389).

* FEDERAL FACILITIES TO FLY FLAG

Question No. 1,889—**Mr. Coates:**

1. What is the estimated cost to the federal treasury that will result if a new flag design is approved by parliament?

2. How many federal buildings are there within Canada either owned or rented by the federal government which presently have the necessary facilities to fly the Canadian flag?

3. How many buildings either owned or rented by the government outside Canada have the necessary facilities to fly the Canadian flag?

4. How many Canadian red ensigns of various sizes are presently the property of the Canadian government?

Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): 1. Many of the flags of the Canadian red ensign design withdrawn from service on February 15, 1965 were not new; accordingly, to state their financial value precisely would be impossible. The unit costs of new flags of the two designs will be approximately the same.

2. 3,801.

3. 323.

4. 17,515.

*REPORTS ON CONDUCT OF HAL BANKS

Question No. 2,042—**Mr. Francis:**

1. Did the Department of Justice, in 1958, through the R.C.M.P., conduct an investigation to determine [Mr. Lamontagne.]

if Hal Banks had been employing intimidation and violence in the furtherance of union activities?

2. Did the government on February 23, 1959, as a result of the aforementioned investigation, receive a full account of the conspiracy which resulted in the Walsh beatings?

3. Was any action taken by the government of that day to bring Banks to trial as a result of that evidence?

4. Was another report, which included a further account of the Walsh conspiracy, sent on June 14, 1961, to the government by the Department of Justice?

5. Was any action taken against Banks as a result of that evidence?

6. On what date was the commission, concerning matters relating to the destruction of shipping on the great lakes, the St. Lawrence river system, and connecting waters, established?

7. When did the commission report?

8. When was action initiated by the government to prosecute Hal Banks?

Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): 1. Yes. In November, 1958, the Minister of Justice instructed the R.C.M.P. to conduct an exploratory investigation into the activities of Hal Banks as information had been received which suggested that Banks was using his position and influence to intimidate other unions and when any degree of opposition was met, he was not hesitating to use force or threats of force.

2. The R.C.M.P. advise that on February 23, 1959, they forwarded a preliminary report to the Minister of Justice, under secret cover, outlining the findings of their investigation into the activities of Hal Banks, which included an account of the conspiracy to beat Captain Walsh.

3. No.

4. The R.C.M.P. advise that on June 14, 1961, they forwarded a further report to the Minister of Justice, under secret cover, which enlarged on their findings with respect to Hal Banks and the general picture of the S.I.U. activities, including further information with respect to the beating of Captain Walsh.

5. No.

6. July 17, 1962.

7. July 6, 1963.

8. October 23, 1963.

ASSISTANCE FOR BOAT BUILDING INDUSTRY,
CAPE BRETONQuestion No. 2,068—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

What consideration has been given by the Atlantic development board to the request contained in the brief presented by the municipalities of northern Cape Breton asking for financial assistance in setting up a boat building industry at the North Sydney marine railway?