

## Questions

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** The answer to this question is as follows: 1. Yes.

2. None. Those occupying the subdivision are residents of the city of London. If there are drainage problems which may affect this 20-year old subdivision, then the residents must look to the municipality for a solution. It is reported that the city of London has a long term plan for providing services to the area annexed.

RECONSTRUCTION OF LOVERS WALK,  
PARLIAMENT HILL

Question No. 1,971—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Has the Minister of Public Works or the National Capital Commission formulated any plans for a path or walk around the cliff or bluff of Parliament Hill either by (a) reconstruction of what was formerly known as "Lovers Walk" or (b) the construction of an alternative or substitute for the former walk at a lower level but equivalent thereto?

2. If so, what specifically is the nature of such plans?

3. Could such plans be brought to fruition for the centennial of Confederation?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. The National Capital Commission has examined the area and has recommended: (a) that reconstruction of what was formerly known as "lovers walk" not be undertaken because of the high cost of such reconstruction on a difficult sidehill location and because of the unavoidable construction scars which would occur on the face of the cliff; and (b) that a walkway around the cliff of parliament hill be retained, but that the walkway be located along or near the river's edge at the base of the cliff.

2. The National Capital Commission has undertaken preliminary investigations for a walkway at or near the base of the cliff. It has examined also the cliff face to find out what measures seem likely to minimize erosion.

3. Construction of the walkway and the consequent repairs to the cliff face do not form a part of the program of the National Capital Commission for 1966-67 or 1967-68.

RURAL MAIL CONTRACT, NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 1,972—**Mr. MacEwan:**

1. What were the names of the tenderers and the amounts of the various tenders for the R.R. 4 River John, Pictou county, N.S., mail contract?

2. To whom will the contract be awarded?

[Mr. Irvine.]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):**  
1. Joseph Vincent Fenton, Box 44, River John, \$2,400; Mrs. Agnes Delila MacLellan, R.R. No. 4, River John, \$2,750; Cyril George Dwyer, R.R. No. 4, River John, \$3,600.

2. The contract will be awarded to the lowest tenderer who, upon investigation, can give sufficient assurance of being able to perform the service in a satisfactory manner.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICERS

Question No. 1,978—**Mr. MacEwan:**

1. Have returning officers been appointed for the new constituencies under redistribution procedure?

2. If so, how many, and under what authority were they appointed?

3. Has a returning officer been appointed for the constituency of Central Nova and, if so, what is his name and on what date was the appointment made?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):**  
1. Yes.

2. One hundred and eighty seven. In virtue of section 27 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

3. Yes. Mr. Stewart W. Proudfoot, September 22, 1966.

GRAND RIVER—ASSISTANCE IN DAM  
CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 1,980—**Mr. Hales:**

Has the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources received representation from the Grand river conservation authority asking for federal aid in the program of flood and pollution control involving the construction of major dams?

**Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):**

No. If the federal contribution to the program referred to in the question is sought under the terms of the Canada Water Conservation Assistance Act, the request for such contribution would come through the department of energy and resources management of the province of Ontario, as arrangements under this Act are solely between Canada and a province.

GATINEAU PARK ACREAGE

Question No. 1,986—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. What is the total acreage included in the Gatineau Park?

2. Of this acreage, how many acres are now owned by the National Capital Commission?

3. Of the remaining acreage, how many acres are owned by (a) the crown in the right of the province of Quebec (b) individuals?