

## Questions

## ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS STAFF, POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 330—**Mr. Coates:**

1. What was the total additional help required by the Post Office during the Christmas rush in 1968?

2. What is the anticipated additional help required for the Post Office Department for the Christmas rush during the present year?

3. What will be the method used by the Post Office Department in selecting the additional staff that will be required during the Christmas period?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** 1. 59,784.

2. 64,000.

3. The method of selection of Christmas help is similar to that used for the selection of all other persons appointed under the Public Service Employment Act and Regulations. Sections 10, 12 and 13 to 20 of the Act apply and Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 15 to 26 of the Regulations apply. Appointment is by merit subject to statutory preferences for veterans, citizens and local residents. Applications for Christmas employment in Post Offices are received directly and through Canada Manpower Centres.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT APPLICATIONS, SUDBURY

Question No. 338—**Mr. Serré:**

1. How many applications for unemployment insurance benefits were received by the Sudbury office during the months of July, August, September, October 1968 and 1969?

2. How many applications were rejected?

3. What was the amount of money paid during each of the same months?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):**

1. The following are the initial applications for unemployment insurance benefit received by the Sudbury office during the months in question:

	1968	1969
July	597	2242
August	538	1350
September	565	1522
October	724	1287

2. The number of claims not established by reason of insufficient contributions in the qualifying period were:

	1968	1969
July	105	463
August	95	412
September	151	453
October	200	354

3. The amount of unemployment insurance benefit paid through the Sudbury office during each of the months in question was:

	1968	1969
	\$	\$
July	134,854	249,119
August	187,541	452,081
September	226,585	594,910
October	210,024	692,629

## SALARY AND WAGE INCREASES, ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY

Question No. 349—**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):**

1. What was the date of the last general salary and wage increase granted to all major separate categories of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority employees prior to April 1, 1963, its effective date, and what was the percentage increase?

2. From April 1, 1963 to date, what have been the dates, (both of publication and coming into force) of any general salary and wage increase for all major separate categories of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority employees and what was the average percentage increase for each such increase?

3. What cumulative average percentage increase does the salary and wage level of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority employees as at present date reflect when compared to the relative salary and wage level of April 1, 1963?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority advise as follows:

1. The date of the last general wage increase granted to the St. Lawrence Seaway Bargaining Unit employees prior to April 1, 1963, was January 1, 1963, and the percentage increase was 5 per cent.

The dates and percentage increases of the last general salary increase granted to the St. Lawrence Seaway excluded employees prior to April 1, 1963, were as follows:

Employee Category	Increase Date	Percentage Increase
Professional	July 1, 1961	5.7%
Administrative and Senior Technical	October 1, 1961	5.2%
Clerical and Junior Technical	October 1, 1961	5.2%

[Mr. Loiselle.]