

Order Paper Questions

GENERAL CARGO TRAFFIC IN EASTERN PORTS

Question No. 2,435—Mr. Forrestall:

For each year 1968 to 1974 inclusive, for the Ports of Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Trois-Rivières and Montreal, what was (a) the general

cargo traffic handled expressed (i) in tons (ii) as percentages of tons (b) the total general cargo traffic handled?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The National Harbours Board advises as follows:

General Cargo Traffic Handled at Eastern Canadian Ports
(In Tons)

Port	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Halifax	642,133 9.4%	892,283 11.5%	803,338 9.7%	1,120,183 13.8%	1,719,419 20.3%	1,840,971 21.5%	2,312,505 23.8%
Saint John	998,999 14.6%	1,198,360 15.5%	1,407,970 17.1%	1,311,841 14.6%	1,718,768 20.3%	1,683,536 19.6%	1,921,693 19.8%
Quebec	751,845 11.0%	844,564 10.9%	1,009,898 12.3%	1,292,788 14.3%	1,152,065 13.6%	1,099,855 12.8%	1,222,855 12.5%
Trois-Rivières	484,031 7.1%	511,297 6.6%	498,414 6.0%	395,594 4.4%	329,951 3.9%	267,646 3.2%	235,404 2.4%
Montreal	3,952,865 57.9%	4,283,873 55.5%	4,520,184 54.9%	4,775,520 52.9%	3,555,359 41.9%	3,679,689 42.9%	4,036,975 41.5%
Total	6,829,873 100.0%	7,730,377 100.0%	8,239,804 100.0%	9,015,926 100.0%	8,475,562 100.0%	8,571,697 100.0%	9,729,492 100.0%

SOURCE: N.H.B. Ottawa

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

CIDA

Question No. 1,591—Mr. Reynolds:

- (a) Who is the President of CIDA (b) what is his salary (c) what were his expenses in 1974?
- Who are the Board of Directors of CIDA?
- How many divisions are in CIDA and what are their names?
- How many divisions are (a) unilingual English (b) unilingual French (c) bilingual?
- (a) How many employees, full and part-time, are in CIDA (b) what are their salaries (c) what were their expenses in 1974?
- What were CIDA's expenditures in 1974 and how much of this was (a) operating expenses (b) actual monies to companies or organizations?

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● (1620)

Mr. Beatty: Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to rise on a point of order, but this is in respect of a question answered yesterday, No. 2,030, which I placed on the order paper earlier this year. The question asked for information in respect of the names of lawyers acting in the constituency of Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo on behalf of CMHC. The return I received was signed by the minister for housing, but in the record I see that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs took responsibility for it.

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

My concern is that we have been told repeatedly in the House of Commons that there is no way a minister can be compelled during the oral question period to give adequate answers to question. It has been generally accepted that if questions are placed on the order paper it is incumbent upon the minister answering the questions to give honest and complete answers and, to the best of their ability, to give straightforward answers.

I cannot think of any more blatant example than the case of question 2,030 of a minister on several instances simply not addressing himself to the question I asked and where the answer he gave was very clearly misleading. I asked about the lawyers who were on the approved list for my constituency. He answered in respect of three counties but did not deal with the regional municipality of Waterloo at all.

There was no answer at all to question No. 2 respecting the names of lawyers now on the approved list with CMHC in my area, and no explanation was tendered as to why the answer was not given. There was no answer at all to part 2 of the first question asked, as to how much these lawyers were paid for work on behalf of the federal government; and once again there was no explanation tendered as to why the answer was not given. There was no answer in respect of question 4(a), as to whether government members were consulted about the appointment of lawyers in their constituencies. In fact, as this House knows, a copy of a letter sent by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs to Liberal members of parliament, Liberal representatives and party workers of constituencies not held by government members has been made public and it shows there was input from those sources. The minister refused to answer that part of the question.