Questions

[English]

BILLS OF EXCHANGE ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING CONSUMER BILLS AND NOTES

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-208, to amend the Bills of Exchange Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—PERSONNEL

Question No. 932-Mr. Macquarrie:

- 1. Are any personnel of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion stationed in Charlottetown and, if so, how many and what are their duties?
- 2. Is there a regional office of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion at Amherst, N.S., and what is the number of personnel there?
- Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Yes; six. Duties: Direction, one; Secretarial, two; Clerical, one; Resource development and adjustment program administration, one; Industrial, commercial and small business program administration, one.
- 2. No, but there is an engineering services unit; 42.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,174-Mr. MacLean:

How many of the members of the new Construction Industrial Development Council are from (a) British Columbia (b) the Prairies (c) Ontario (d) Quebec (e) the Atlantic Provinces?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): (a) Four; (b) Three; (c) 17, including 4 federal public servants; (d) Nine; (e) Two.

Members of the Construction Industry Development Council were selected from candidates recommended by the industry, mainly through its national associations and institutes.

The submissions were reviewed and members appoin ed on an individual basis having regard to special knowledge and expertise.

[Mr. Gauthier.]

In the selection process the principle of assembling a Council reflecting all facets of the building industry throughout Canada was observed. No one was appointed to represent an association, institute, corporate group or specific region.

INCENTIVE GRANT TO ERNEST HARRISON AND SONS

Question No. 1,257-Mr. Burton:

- 1. Has the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, under the Regional Incentives Act, authorized or provided an incentive grant to Ernest Harrison & Sons, Parrsboro, N.S. and, if so, what is the amount of the grant?
- 2. What is the total estimated cost of the project for which the grant was provided and what is the nature of the project and its location?
- 3. Who are the directors and chief executive officers of Ernest Harrison & Sons and what is the address of each?
- 4. To what extent is this company non-resident or foreign-owned or controlled?
- 5. What is the name and country of the known non-resident ownership in this company?
- Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as follows: 1 and 2. This information was contained in the monthly report, tabled in Parliament on the operation of the Regional Development Act.
- 3. The directors and executive officers of C. Ernest Harrison & Son Ltd., as of April 1, 1970 were as follows: C. Ernest Harrison, President, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia; Donald Harrison, Vice-President, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia; Charles Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia.
- 4. The company reports no shares held by non-residents, either directly or through intermediate holdings.
 - 5. None.

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS

Question No. 1,271—Mr. MacLean:

- 1. What was the total value of Canada Savings Bonds held by the public at the most recent date for which figures are available?
- 2. What was the total value of Canada Savings Bonds held by the public which have the option of leaving the coupons unclipped, so that interest on interest may be collected when the bond matures?
- 3. What provision is made in the national accounts to offset the obligations of the federal government for payment of interest on savings bonds for coupons which are not cashed in the year they are earned?