

Starred Questions

establishment of an airport in the county of Gloucester, and are being informed of the policy of the department and the terms and conditions under which cost sharing assistance for this purpose might be made available by the federal government.

Should they wish to proceed, this would then be followed by direct discussions with the department regarding this matter.

AIRPORTS, RESTIGOUCHE MUNICIPALITY AND DALHOUSIE, N.B.

Question No. 306—Mr. Habel:

1. Has the municipality of Restigouche or the town of Dalhousie in New Brunswick, made an application to the Department of Transport for the establishment of an airport in either of these communities?

2. Has the department decided to construct an airstrip in either of these municipalities?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer to parts 1 and 2 of this question is that the county of Restigouche has approached the department to ascertain under what circumstances federal assistance might be provided for purposes of construction of an airport and, having learned of the department's policy with regard to cost sharing grants in this connection, it is understood that the county is now preparing more detailed cost estimates and is investigating the possibilities with a view to further discussion with the department.

SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS

Question No. 307—Mr. Racine:

1. Have the banks, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 19 of the Small Businesses Loans Act, reported on the loans made during the months of January, February, and March, 1961?

2. If so: (a) what is the number, and the amount of such loans for each of the said months? (b) what is the number, and the amount of such loans for each province?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the answer to part 1 of this question is yes. It will be recalled that lendings under the new Small Businesses Loans Act commenced toward the end of January.

The answer to part 2 is as follows:

2(a) January, 7 loans; \$49,210.00; February, 82 loans; \$444,691.25; March, 211 loans; \$1,382,445.70.

(b) Information not available.

May I add, Mr. Speaker, that any minor difference between the figures I have given in answer to question 2(a) and the answer given on April 26 to question 283 may be explained with reference to a misunderstanding by two of the banks in relation to the return that was asked of them under the pressure of that time to hasten the answer to question 283, and the fact that the figures

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returned by three of the banks on that earlier occasion were an estimate rather than the exact figure.

The figures I have given this morning in reply to question 307 are the precise figures.

IMMIGRATION ADVERTISEMENTS ABROAD

Question No. 310—Mr. Deschatelets:

For each of the years 1958, 1959, 1960: (a) has the Department of Citizenship and Immigration caused advertisements to be made or published in foreign countries dealing with job opportunities in Canada? (b) if so: (i) in which countries were such advertisements made or published? (ii) what was the list of jobs offered? (iii) what was the cost of such advertisements?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the answers to this question are as follows:

(a) Yes, only in 1959 and 1960. There is no record of any advertising of this nature being carried out by the department in 1958.

(b) (i) In the United Kingdom in 1959 and 1960.

(ii) Different lists comprising a large number of occupations were used. These are not in a form which can be given orally.

(iii) In 1959 the amount was \$3,123.50; in 1960, \$2,754.72.

PUBLIC SERVICE—NEW EMPLOYEES AND DISCHARGES, 1960

Question No. 311—Mr. MacRae:

1. How many new employees entered the civil service of Canada in 1960?

2. How many of these were entitled to veterans preference?

3. How many employees were discharged from the civil service during 1960 (a) for incompetence (b) for other reasons?

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): The civil service commission issued 20,056 certificates of appointment during the calendar year 1960, including 1,354 covering student assistants for summer employment. This figure may be slightly in excess of the actual number of new employees, as some may have been certified more than once during the year, but it is the only available figure.

2. 2,069.

3. During the year 640 persons were dismissed for cause. "Cause" includes incompetence and abandonment of position.

FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS, FORT WILLIAM, 1945-60

Question No. 312—Mr. Badanai:

What is the number of loans, under the Farm Improvement Loans Act, approved in the electoral district of Fort William during each of the years 1945 to 1960 inclusive?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): The information is not available.