Starred Questions

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the figures that were asked for by the hon. member for Essex East were supplied up to the time they were available in the unemployment insurance commission offices. These figures are used for their own information in the administration of the unemployment insurance commission. Evidently these figures were not available to provide an answer when the question was put.

### PERCENTAGE OF LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYED

## Question No. 70-Mr. Chevrier:

In what years between 1945 and 1957 was the percentage of the Canadian labour force which was unemployed higher than in 1960?

Mr. E. L. Morris (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is today on official business in Washington, may this question stand?

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

Motion stands.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS
TO FISHERMEN

#### Question No. 71-Mr. Carter:

Since fishermen became eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, how much has been paid out each year to fishermen (a) in Newfoundland; (b) in the maritime provinces; (c) on the Pacific coast; (d) engaged in inland fisheries?

Mr. R. D. Thrasher (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in view of the detailed information contained in this answer may I ask that the answer be taken as read and incorporated in *Hansard* in tabulated form?

Mr. Speaker: Does the house agree that the answer be taken as read and incorporated in *Hansard*?

### Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's note: The table referred to above is as follows:]

The amount of unemployment insurance benefit that has been paid in each fiscal year to fishermen is as follows:

	1957-58 \$	1958-59 \$	1959-60 \$	1960-61 \$ (April-Dec. only)
(a) Newfoundland (b) Maritime provinces (c) Pacific coast (d) Engaged in inland fisheries .	. 2,138,492.00 . 856,606.00	3,464,883.60 4,174,734.00 1,619,505.00 976,097.00	3,436,272.50 4,583,592.00 1,957,398.00 1,046,819.00	1,324,265.94 1,337,510.00 563,450.00 374,330.00

# FREE PORT DEVELOPMENT, MORTIER BAY, NFLD. Question No. 72—Mr. Carter:

- 1. Has the government at any time been made aware that a British company has shown interest in developing a free port or a transshipment port at Mortier Bay, Newfoundland?
- 2. Has the government received any representations from this company either directly from the parent company in Britain, its Canadian subsidiary or its agents?
- 3. If so, what has the government been requested to do, and what is being contemplated at the present time?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer to both parts 1 and 2 is no; therefore part 3 is answered by the answer to parts 1 and 2.

# RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND APPOINTMENTS

#### Question No. 73-Mr. Creaghan:

- 1. Has the governor in council appointed a secretary as provided for by section 10 of the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railways Employees' Provident Fund Act?
- 2. If so, what is the name of the secretary, the date of his appointment and the salary paid to him out of the said fund?

- 3. Has the Minister of Transport appointed two chief officers from the Canadian National Rallways, to serve along with the general manager as management members of the board of the said fund?
- 4. If so, what are their names, occupations and the date of their appointment?
- 5. Did the employees hold an election in 1960 to elect two members to the said board?
- 6. If so, what was the date of the said election and the names, addresses and occupations of the successful candidates?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer to part 1 is yes.

The answer to part 2 is Mr. J. L. Seaman, appointed November 1, 1960, at a salary of \$1,710 per annum.

As to parts 3 and 4, the answer to part 3 is yes, and the information requested in part 4 is the following: G. H. Betz, regional comptroller, December, 1959; G. A. Blakney, employee relations officer, June, 1957.

With regard to part 5, the answer is yes. As to part 6 the answer is as follows: January, 1960, Mr. J. C. A. Landry, despatcher, C.N.R., Montreal, and Mr. John McGee, conductor, Moncton, N.B., elected by acclamation.