

Mr. HOWE:

1. 191.
2. Sixty-one; all but one being restricted to the fishing industry.

*NAMING NEW CANADIAN DESTROYERS

Mr. PURDY:

Will the government consider the selection of maritime provinces names for the two destroyers which, according to press reports, are to be purchased?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The matter is now receiving consideration.

PARLIAMENT HILL—ICY CONDITION OF
GROUNDS AND SIDEWALKS

Mr. CHURCH:

Will the government take steps to remedy the dangerous condition of the roads and sidewalks on parliament hill, due to ice thereon?

Mr. DUNNING:

The federal district commission furnished the following facts:

The maintenancance of the sidewalks and roads on parliament hill is the responsibility of the federal district commission. One foreman and twelve men are on duty each day from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and one man daily from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. It is their duty in the winter time to see that all walks, steps, and roads are kept clear of snow and maintained in a safe condition for the use of the public. A truck is in constant use to make available sand, cinders, and salt. During the last ten days eighty tons of sand and cinders and more than a ton of salt have been applied in this maintenance work.

The unseasonable climatic conditions of the past three weeks—rain, sleet, thawing and freezing—have added considerably to the usual difficulties of winter maintenance work, but the commission has done everything possible and has spared no expense in its efforts to make all the thoroughfares on parliament hill safe for public use.

The commission finds that there has been no negligence on the part of any of its employees engaged in this work and that all possible steps have been taken to keep the sidewalks and roads on parliament hill in a safe condition at all times. No reports were received during this recent icy period of any accidents occurring from slippery sidewalks or roads in this area.

*CREDIT EXTENSION ON INDUSTRIAL WORKERS'
HOMES

Mr. CHURCH:

Will any action be taken to extend to industrial workers who are losing their homes through foreclosure or otherwise, such relief [Mr. Reid.]

as that afforded in the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act for the benefit of farmers and fishermen?

Mr. DUNNING: This question relates to a matter of policy and it is not usual for the government to make statements on matters of policy in giving replies to questions.

WHONNOCK, B.C., RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Mr. BARBER:

1. Were tenders called for mail service on proposed rural route No. 1, Whonnock, British Columbia, during 1937?

2. Who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?

3. Has the contract been awarded?

4. If so, to whom; if not, for what reason?

Mr. ELLIOTT (Middlesex):

1. Yes—In April, 1937, and again in August, 1937.

2. (a) In April:

F. Parker, Whonnock.. . . .	\$ 800
Arvid Pearson, Whonnock.. . .	936
Frederick Stevenson, Whonnock	960
A. T. MacBryer, Whonnock.. . .	987
H. J. Byrnes, Whonnock.. . . .	1,047
B. A. Whiting, Whonnock.. . .	1,050
Patrick Hertslet, Whonnock.. . .	1,080
W. R. Young, Whonnock.. . . .	1,175
Enoch Jones, Whonnock.. . . .	1,200
C. A. Black, Ruskin.. . . .	1,200

These tenders being considered high, each tenderer was given an opportunity to modify his tender, with the following result:

F. Parker reduced to.. . . .	\$ 775
Arvid Pearson reduced to.. . . .	925
Frederick Stevenson reduced to	875
A. T. MacBryer reduced to.. . .	840
H. J. Byrnes reduced to.. . . .	998
Patrick Hertslet reduced to.. . .	1,000
W. R. Young reduced to.. . . .	1,100
Chas. A. Black reduced to.. . .	1,100
Enoch Jones would not reduce.	
B. A. Whiting would not reduce.	

(b) These offers still being considered high, tenders were again invited in August, 1937, and the following were received:

M. R. Charlton, Whonnock.. . .	\$ 650
R. S. Whiting, Whonnock.. . .	660
F. Parker, Whonnock.. . . .	720
Frederick Stevenson, Whonnock	780
F. W. Phillips, Whonnock.. . .	850
A. G. Grant, Whonnock.. . . .	899
W. R. Young, Whonnock.. . . .	990
C. Wicks, Vancouver.. . . .	1,100
Edgar Rakewind, Whonnock, late..	800

3. Yes.

4. M. R. Charlton.