

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 14, 1969

The house met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

Fifth report of Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration—Mr. Caccia.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

ASSISTANCE TO MELVILLE PULP AND PAPER
Question No. 1,413—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. What amount of federal aid has been extended to Melville Pulp and Paper Company Ltd. in each of the past five years?

2. How much of this assistance was in the form of (a) grants (b) loans and at what terms (c) accelerated capital cost allowance?

3. Who is the principal owner or majority shareholder of Melville Pulp and Paper Company Ltd.?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as follows:

1. None.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.

*APPOINTMENT OF LEVEL SIX POSTAL OFFICERS

Question No. 1,624—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How many new level six postal officers have been appointed since January 1, 1969 and how many more is it proposed to appoint?

2. What salaries will these postal officers (level six) be paid?

3. What is the reason for this increase in postal officers (level six) and what are the duties of these officers?

4. Do the level six postal officers get mileage payments when they travel in their own cars and, if so, how much?

5. How much money has been allocated for payments of expenses for level six postal officers in the coming fiscal year?

[Translation]

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as the answer to this question is quite long, would the house agree to its being put on the record and deemed to have been read?

1. The need for additional supervision within the letter carrier function was foreseen and planned for in 1967. The need arose particularly from the new walk evaluation system which was being developed. To meet the need, 280 positions of Postal Operations, Level 6, were allocated. Of these 146 have now been filled.

2. Level 6 salary range: \$6,973, \$7,196, \$7,419.

3. The basic structure of supervision in the letter carrier group was reviewed because of changes in work which had been introduced. The most significant of these changes had to do with a new walk evaluation system, developed and tested with the cooperation of the Letter Carriers' Union and implemented following agreement in principle between the union and the department. The system was designed to meet the need to ensure an equitable work load for each letter carrier and to offset any adverse effects resulting from substantial changes in the nature of a walk.

These officers are required to perform duties in accordance with the job description found on page 24 of the Classification Group Standard, Postal Operations Group, Operational Category, which has been made available to the unions.

4. Yes, if no public transportation is available or convenient. Mileage allowance is paid in accordance with Treasury Board Travel Regulations and the rates are as follows: (a) For each of the first 5,000 miles with proof of commercial insurance: 13 cents per mile; without proof of commercial insurance: 12 cents per mile. (b) For each of the next 3,000 miles with or without proof of commercial insurance, 12 cents per mile. (c) For each mile in excess of 8,000 miles, 9 cents per mile.