

Questions

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**POSSIBLE POST OFFICE CROWN CORPORATION
—LABOUR REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE****Question No. 1,061—Mr. Fortin:**

If the Post Office Department becomes a Crown corporation, is it the intention of the government to appoint representatives of the labour force to its executive?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Pending a decision on the future status of the Post Office Department, no reply is possible, in the affirmative or negative.

**POLYMER CORPORATION INTERESTS IN
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA****Question No. 1,284—Mr. Fairweather:**

Has Polymer Corporation any financial or other interest in any corporation or undertaking in the Republic of South Africa and, if so, what is the total amount of money invested to date and what investment is projected for the next five years?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as Polymer Corporation is concerned, Polymer has a 5.6 per cent interest in Senthachem Limited, a South African company which owns The Synthetic Rubber Company Limited of South Africa. As polymer and its subsidiary companies are engaged in a highly competitive business throughout the world, the disclosure of the amounts invested in any undertaking would not be in their best interests. Polymer has made no other investments in any undertaking in the Republic of South Africa and has no plans to do so. No additional investment in Senthachem is contemplated.

TRANSPORT—FERRY “PRINCE OF FUNDY”**Question No. 1,292—Mr. Saltsman:**

1. Is the new ferry *Prince of Fundy* to be operated by a foreign company and, if so, where will the ownership be registered?

2. On what basis has the Department of Transport given this company permission to operate a foreign passenger ferry between Canadian and United States ports?

3. What will happen to the Canadian National Railway ferry M/V *Bluenose* which operates between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and Bar Harbor Maine?

4. What port facilities will this new foreign-owned and operated ferry use in the Port of Yarmouth?

5. Was the new ferry built in Canada and, if not, for what reason?

6. Will the crew of the new ferry be Canadian?

[Mr. Coates.]

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. As far as the Ministry of Transport is concerned, no application for Canadian registry has been received and no official information is available as to the ownership of the *Prince of Fundy*.

2. The Ministry of Transport has no power to grant or withhold permission for a foreign ship to engage in voyages between Canada and another country.

3. MV *Bluenose* will continue to operate between Yarmouth, N.S. and Bar Harbor, Maine.

4. The vessel will use a new berth adjoining the present CNR berth and provided by the Province of Nova Scotia.

5. No. Selection of place of building was within the responsibility of the owner.

6. Selection of crew is similarly the responsibility of the owner.

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—MAIL TRUCK
ACCIDENT ENROUTE FROM REGINA
TO CALGARY****Question No. 1,349—Mr. Burton:**

1. Did a mail truck enroute from Regina to Calgary overturn and burn at Herbert, Sask. on or about December 19, 1969?

2. What was the quantity of mail salvaged from this accident and what quantity of mail was destroyed.

3. What is the policy of the Post Office Department with respect to claims for such an accident?

4. What is the total amount of claims which have been submitted to date with respect to this accident and what amount has been awarded to date in response to these claims?

5. What is the status of undecided claims at the present time?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): 1. Yes.

2. Approximately 35 bags were salvaged of which most of the contents were damaged and approximately 565 bags were destroyed.

3. Claims are paid for registered, insured and C.O.D. mail.

4. Fifty claims have been received of which 24 totalling \$658.49 have been paid.

5. Twenty-six claims totalling \$497.27 are being processed.

CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION**Question No. 1,420—Mr. Schumacher:**

What will be the function of the Canadian Transport Commission after the re-organization of the Department of Transport?