

Questions

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada advise as follows:

1. Statistics regarding accidents reportable to the Board in accordance with section 288 of the Railway Act (except statistics regarding highway crossing accidents) are not maintained on a provincial basis. However, there is a statement included in the annual report of the board which shows the number of accidents, the number of persons killed and injured on the Canadian National Railways, Canadian Pacific Railway Company and miscellaneous railways. These accidents are divided into different categories showing the number of accidents which occurred under various causes. These statistics are given in the board's annual report as follows: Annual report for 1960, Statement No. 3, Page 63; Annual report for 1961, Statement No. 3, Page 73; Annual report for 1962, Statement No. 3, Page 73; Annual report for 1963, Statement No. 3, Page 73; Annual report for 1964, Statement No. 2, Page 71.

As stated above, statistics regarding highway crossing accidents are maintained on a provincial basis. This information is included in the annual reports of the board as follows: Annual report for 1960, Statements 4 and 5, Page 65; Annual report for 1961, Statements 4 and 5, Page 75; Annual report for 1962, Statements 4 and 5, Page 75; Annual report for 1963, Statements 4 and 5, Page 75; Annual report for 1964, Statements 3 and 4, Page 74.

2. See answer to 1.

3. This information is not available in the board's records.

4. See answer to 1.

PERSONS SERVING COMMUTED DEATH SENTENCES

Question No. 954—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Referring to the table and supplementary table appearing as Appendix "D" to the white paper on capital punishment dated June 14, 1965, of the persons sentenced to death since 1920 whose sentence was commuted, how many, tabulated according to year of conviction as shown on said tables (a) are still imprisoned and have been continuously imprisoned since commutation (b) were released from imprisonment but returned thereto for breach of parole or other reason, and are now imprisoned (c) are now free from imprisonment (d) died in prison?

[Mr. Forrestall.]

2. Of the persons referred to in part 1(c), what term of years was served before release from imprisonment, this information being assembled so far as may be practical into a table showing the number of convicted persons released after particular periods of imprisonment?

3. Since the coming into force of chapter 44 of the statutes of 1960-61 have any persons convicted of (a) non-capital murder (b) capital murder, whose sentences were commuted, been released from imprisonment and, if so, how many in each category and what was the term of imprisonment served by each releasee in each category?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): 1. (a) The following is a list tabulated according to year of conviction of those inmates who were convicted of murder, and whose sentences were commuted to life imprisonment and who are still imprisoned, and have been continuously imprisoned since their sentences were commuted: 1922, 1; 1924, 4; 1931, 1; 1932, 1; 1933, 1; 1934, 1; 1936, 1; 1938, 1; 1940, 1; 1946, 2; 1950, 3; 1951, 1; 1952, 1; 1953, 5; 1954, 1; 1955, 5; 1956, 2; 1957, 4; 1958, 10; 1959, 11; 1960, 5; 1961, 11; 1962, 3; 1963, 10; 1964, 8; 1965, 7; Total 101.

1. (b) The following is a list tabulated as to year of conviction of men who were convicted of murder and whose sentences were commuted to life imprisonment, who were released on parole, and whose paroles were revoked, and they were returned to prison. The list shows the year of conviction, the time served when parole was granted, the year in which each was paroled and the year in which each parole was revoked.

Year sentenced	Time served years	Year paroled	Year revoked
1920	10	1930	1932
1940	17	1957	1958
1943	12	1955	1959
1946	16	1962	1964

The first of these men who was convicted in 1920, and revoked in 1932, was reparaoled in 1949, and his parole was revoked again in 1962.

The second man was convicted in 1940, and he was revoked in 1958; he was reparaoled in 1960 and his parole was revoked a second time in 1962.

Therefore, the answer to question 1(b) is that four men, as mentioned above, were released from imprisonment and were returned thereto, and are now in prison. Besides this, five inmates who had been released on