

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—HOPPER CARS

Question No. 39—**Mr. Gleave:**

Will the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board inform the House as to the status of the 2,000 hopper cars which he announced in the 28th Parliament would be purchased and put at the disposal of the Canadian Wheat Board and, if so (a) how many of these cars were in service as of January 1, 1973 (b) had an agreement been reached with the CNR and the CPR as to the recovery of depreciation and maintenance costs for this tank car fleet prior to putting these cars into service (c) does the Minister have assurance from the two major railroads that they will not reduce the numbers of their own rolling stock for the purpose of grain movement as and when the 2,000 hopper cars are made available (d) has an agreement been reached with the P.G. and E. Railroad for the use of these cars?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): 1. (a) CP Rail 494; CN 292; (b) An interim operating agreement has been reached to permit the cars to be placed in service in the quickest possible time following manufacture. Negotiations have been going on prior to the first car going into service and are continuing to resolve the remaining outstanding matters; (c) Assurances have been given by the railways that they will not accelerate the retirement of their fleet of grain box cars; (d) No agreement is contemplated with the British Columbia Railway (formerly Pacific Great Eastern).

*ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE SIGNS

Question No. 53—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. By province since January 1, 1972, how many (a) Detachments (b) automobiles or other vehicles have had the descriptive letters RCMP removed and the word "Police" substituted therefor?
2. By province since September 1, 1972, on how many automobiles or vehicles have the said letters been restored?
3. Under whose authority was such action under Parts 1 and 2 taken by the Solicitor General?
4. Did the Prime Minister, as undertaken by him in a public statement, direct the restoration of said letters and, if so, on what date?
5. Has there been a recent directive to the RCMP rescinding the earlier direction that the said letters should be restored and, if so, on what date, for what reason and under whose authority?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am informed as follows: (a) No building signs were altered, however, 26 signs containing the crest of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the word Police were installed on operational buildings replacing signs which contained the crest of the force and the words Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Gendarmerie royale du Canada. Additionally, 26 signs bearing the crest of the force and the word police were installed on new buildings previously unmarked which the force was occupying for the first time. (Annex 1) (b) Eighteen police vehicles had the shield containing the description letters RCMP removed and the shield containing the word police substituted therefor. Additionally, 622 police vehicles had the shield containing the word police installed as new or replacement vehicles previously unmarked. (Annex 2)

2. Nil.

3. The policy change for building and vehicle signs was authorized by the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police under section 5 of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, the first building sign being taken

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into use in March, 1970 and the first vehicle signs in January 1972. The conversion of signs under this policy was discontinued on April 28, 1972 save in the case of 86 vehicles (included in the total of 622 vehicles referred to in Part 1 (b) which were marked subsequently to that date for reasons of operational necessity.

4. No undertaking was given by the Prime Minister in the terms stated. He did indicate, however, in a public statement on April 27, 1972, that the program replacing RCMP insignia on buildings and patrol cars had been halted.

5. Not applicable since, as stated in Part 4, no direction for the restoration of the letters RCMP had been given.

Mr. Speaker, there are two annexes to this question; I wonder if I could merely table them with the question?

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—PUBLIC RELATIONS
CONTRACTSQuestion No. 75—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What were the amounts of money spent by the Public Service Commission on publicity and/or information in each of the fiscal years 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72?
2. What were the names and addresses of firms or individuals who received these contracts, what amounts of money were spent in each case and what was the purpose of each contract?
3. What contracts for publicity and/or information were awarded in the current fiscal year, what are the names and addresses of contractees, what are the amounts of money involved in each case and what is the purpose of each contract?

Mr. Gilles Marceau (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows:

Year: 1968-69	Amount \$	Nature of Service
Canadian High News Ltd., 62 Shaftesbury Ave., Toronto 7, Ontario.	9,061.50	Advertising
Whitshed Publishing Ltd., 42 Mercer, Toronto, Ontario	3,781.00	Advertising
W. J. L. Gibbon & Associates Keith Road, West Vancouver, B.C.	4,070.00	Photos for recruitment literature
Saturday Night Publication Second Century Canada Publications Inc., 52 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto 7, Ontario	3,083.00	Advertising
MacLean-Hunter Ltd., 481 University Ave., Toronto 2, Ontario.	32,483.54	Advertising