

particularly for the year 1973 and, if so, what were the findings of the Commission?

2. What the Commission set up following a complaint made by the union that this fund was not being used to ensure the welfare of the workers as was intended?

3. In 1974, did one of Mr. Béland's colleagues sell bay windows, which were delivered by UIC employees to individuals, namely to one reporter from *La Presse* and another from *The Gazette*, among others, whose cheques were made out in his name and, if so (a) how many (b) how many windows were sold for \$25.00 each (c) was there an enquiry and (i) if so, what were the findings (ii) if not, for what reason?

4. During the fiscal year 1974-75, the last year under Mr. Béland's direction, was \$3 million missing and, if so (a) is that a common occurrence at the UIC (b) what became of (i) Mr. Béland and what is his current salary (ii) the comptroller, Mr. Al Belliveau, who was also responsible for drafting the financial statement in question?

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):**

1. Yes, an administrative inquiry was held in 1973 upon the decision of the Director General, Gabriel Béland, who had been appointed to that position at the end of 1972. The findings of the inquiry were basically as follows: For some years it had been a practice at the UIC regional office to collect waste paper and sell it to a buyer or buyers for recycling purposes. The revenue from these sales constituted a fund known as the employees social fund, administered by volunteer officers. The fund was used for the benefit of all employees at the regional office, for activities of social, sporting, recreational or charitable nature. The practice, though applied in good faith for commendable ends, was open to misinterpretation. It was therefore advisable to put an end to it, and Director General Béland did so on December 21, 1973.

2. No.

3. Not in 1974. However, on October 1, 1973, Mr. Béland, Director General of the UIC, was informed by two people who identified themselves as journalists that the same day a UIC employee had sold them used windows left over after recent renovations to the UIC regional office building, for the sum of \$25 each. They had picked up the windows at the building's service entrance. (a) About thirty-five. (b) Unknown. (c) Yes. Director General Béland immediately set up an administrative inquiry on October 1, 1973. (i) The inquiry's findings were basically as follows:—The Canada Department of Public Works, owner of the building occupied by the UIC regional office at 1441 St-Urbain, Montreal, had ordered renovation work on the building during the summer of 1973, consisting mainly in replacing windows.—The contract, which had been given to a contracting firm, stipulated that the removed or replaced windows became the property of that firm, which could dispose of them as it saw fit.—A UIC employee, without the Director General's permission and without informing him, had authorized the contractor to store about fifty of the old windows temporarily in the basement of the building.—This employee was authorized by the contractor to sell the windows to prospective buyers and to collect the money for the contractor.—This employee did in fact sell various people about thirty-five used windows for \$20 to \$25 each, including two which were sold on October 1, 1973 to unidentified persons for \$25 each, paid directly to this employee, partly in legal Canadian tender, partly in the form of a Royal Bank of

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Canada money order in his name.—The buyers themselves picked up the windows at the building's service entrance, and no outside delivery was made by UIC employees.—To prevent any misunderstanding as to the employee's actions, it was advisable to put an end to this situation and to have the fifteen or so remaining windows removed from the basement; an order to that effect was made on October 2, 1973 by Director General Béland and was carried out the same day. (ii) Not applicable.

4. No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable.

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD PORT AND GRAIN HANDLING FACILITIES AT CHURCHILL

Question No. 2,394—**Mr. Benjamin:**

1. (a) On April 20, 1977, what were the cumulative improvements made to the National Harbours Board port and grain handling elevator at Churchill, Manitoba (b) at what cost was each such improvement (c) what was the completion date in each case?

2. If such improvements are ongoing in nature, what will be the total cost and completion date in each case?

3. (a) On April 20, 1977, what was the cumulative extent of changeover at the National Harbours Board elevator at Churchill to upgrade the grain handling facilities to handle hopper cars (b) what was the total cost of any such changeover project to date?

4. If not initiated by April 20, 1977, on what date can it be expected that the project will be (a) commenced (b) completed and at what cost?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** The National Harbours Board advises as follows: 1.

(a)	(b)	(c)
Wharf rehabilitation	\$213,000	1975
Dredge repairs	422,000	1974
New staff quarters	619,000	1975
Tug modifications and servicing	398,000	1976
Model studies	72,000	1975
Dredging	\$1,771,000	Program ongoing
Miscellaneous small projects	191,000	Various times

2. It is estimated that the dredging will be completed in the fall of 1978 or 1979 at a further cost of \$5,900,000.

3. (a) Nil. (b) Not applicable.

4. (a) Subject to obtaining necessary Treasury Board approval of the expenditure the project will commence in sufficient time to allow work to be completed when the rail track is upgraded by C.N. permitting access of hopper cars to Churchill. (b) Construction times vary according to the time of year but could be completed in no less than four months from start at an estimated cost of \$825,000.