

## POST OFFICE REVENUE

Question No. 561—**Mr. Comeau**:

How is the post office revenue for a particular post office calculated?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** By aggregating all the postage revenue produced through postage sales. Non-postage revenue such as fees from the sale of money orders or the rental of lock boxes is not included.

## LIGHTSHIPS

Question No. 563—**Mr. Comeau**:

1. How many lightships in Canada are operative and provide navigational aids to fishermen?

2. If any, where are these located and what was the cost of operating each for the years 1967 and 1968?

3. What was the cost of operating the lightship *Lurcher* for the years 1967 and 1968?

4. What was the extent of service provided by this lightship?

5. How many men were employed on the lightship *Lurcher*?

6. Where have these men been placed?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. None.

2. See answer to 1 and 3.

3. Operating costs of the *Lurcher* lightship for 1967-68 were \$153,410 and for 1968-69, \$150,375.

4. (a) Exhibited a flashing light. (b) Operated a fog signal in reduced visibility. (c) Transmitted radiobeacon signals. (d) Transmitted meteorological data.

5. (20).

6. All have been offered alternative employment within the Department of Transport. Many have accepted and others are at present giving the matter consideration.

## FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL CHARGES

Question No. 588—**Mr. Howard (Okanagan Boundary)**:

To date in 1969, did any foreign diplomats escape charges, normally considered criminal, through diplomatic immunity and, if so, how many such incidents have there been?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Departmental records show that there has been only one case during the period January 1-December 2, 1969 where diplomatic immunity was invoked to avoid a charge normally considered criminal. In three other cases of which the Department was informed charges were not laid because the person involved obviously possessed diplomatic status.

## Questions

## CANADA-U.S. RECIPROCAL TAX CONVENTION AND AMERICAN TEACHERS

Question No. 589—**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West)**:

1. Has the Minister of Finance given consideration to negotiating with the Government of the United States the abrogation of Article VIII A of the Canada-U.S. Reciprocal Tax Convention insofar as American teachers and professors are permitted to work professionally in Canada for a period of up to 24 months free of Canadian income tax and has any decision been reached?

2. Have studies been made to compare the financial positions of such persons vis-à-vis their Canadian counterparts (with similar qualifications) in similar jobs in Canada and with what result?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):**

1 and 2. The proposals for tax reform recently made public by the government in a White Paper include a statement in paragraph 26 of chapter 2 that the government intends to remove on a reciprocal basis the exemption for visiting teachers and professors now provided in tax treaties and to tax such persons like others.

## ROYAL COMMISSION ON BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

Question No. 632—**Mr. Coates**:

1. What has been the cost to date of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and what will be the final estimated cost and on what date will the Commission complete its work?

2. What are the names of all the persons who have been appointed to the Commission and how much has each received in honoraria and expenses?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** 1. The cost as of December 2, 1969 is \$8,376,120.91. The final estimated cost will be \$8,900,000. We are informed by the Commission that it is anticipated that their activities will cease in the late summer of 1970.

2. Names	Honoraria	Travel
Mr. C. Cormier	\$ 40,250.00	\$ 15,207.69
Mr. A. D. Dunton	67,150.00	4,256.08
Mr. R. Frith	90,550.00	26,043.84
Mr. J.-L. Gagnon	121,250.00	25,349.25
Mrs. G. Laing	55,100.00	34,244.90
Mr. P. Lacoste	30,150.00	3,570.30
Mr. A. Laurendeau	105,200.00	19,102.35
Mr. J. Marchand	14,450.00	5,215.03
Mr. J. Rudnycky	52,150.00	21,814.90
Mr. F. R. Scott	45,300.00	9,570.74
Mr. P. Wyczynski	54,200.00	4,000.66
Mr. A. Raynauld	18,050.00	701.95
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	\$693,800.00	\$169,077.69
Total		\$863,552.59