

Questions

Bell Telephone Company as part of the switch-board service, and it has been the practice to expect the company to provide bilingual service. In this connection the company has advised: in regard to 1 (a), that half the operators employed on the government switch-board speak French; in regard to 1 (b), that all speak English; in regard to 1 (c), that approximately one half the total list of operators, from which the duty operators are drawn, are bilingual, and this is generally true of the shift on duty at a particular time; in regard to 1 (d), that this information is not available.

USE OF GOVERNMENT WHARF, SAMBRO, N.S.

Question No. 929—Mr. McCleave:

1. How many fishing boats and approximately how many fishermen have used the government wharf at Sambro, Halifax county, in (a) 1960 (b) 1963 (c) 1965?

2. What were the weights and values of the fish catch landed on said wharf in the same years?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries):

1. (a) 1960—10 vessels over 10 gross tons and 70 men on a continuous basis; 35 resident boats under 10 gross tons and 50 resident fishermen and 10 non-resident boats under 10 gross tons and 20 non-resident fishermen on an intermittent basis; (b) 1963—10 vessels over 10 gross tons and 70 men on a continuous basis; 50 resident boats under 10 gross tons and 60 resident fishermen and 15 non-resident boats under 10 gross tons and 30 non-resident fishermen on an intermittent basis; (c) 1965—12 vessels over 10 gross tons and 85 men on a continuous basis; 25 resident boats under 10 gross tons and 50 resident fishermen and 20 non-resident boats under 10 gross tons and 40 non-resident fishermen on an intermittent basis.

2.	Weight	Value
(a) 1960	489,000 lbs.	\$176,000
(b) 1963	558,000 lbs.	\$120,000
(c) 1965	315,000 lbs.	\$118,000

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF WHARF,
SAMBRO, N.S.

Question No. 930—Mr. McCleave:

1. Has the government wharf at Sambro, Halifax county, been condemned and are these restrictions on the amount of weight which may be permitted on the wharf?

2. Are there plans to rebuild the wharf, or to build a new wharf?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. No, not condemned. The wharf [Mr. Byrne.]

was designed to carry a five ton concentrated truck load or a uniform loading of 150 pounds per square foot and since trucks in excess have been using the wharf it was necessary to erect a warning sign regarding the load limits.

2. No.

SKI SAFETY MEASURES IN NATIONAL PARKS

Question No. 938—Mr. Lambert:

1. Among the regulations of the national parks branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, are there requirements for first aid and medical facilities at the site of various skiing developments in the Banff and Jasper national parks?

2. If so, what are such requirements?

3. Do these regulations call for qualified medical practitioners to be on duty or readily available especially on week ends?

4. If not, is consideration being given to this and other related safety measures on ski slopes in the national parks?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): 1. No.

2. N/A.

3. N/A.

4. This department has always provided for the safety of skiers in the parks. For many years ski patrols have been maintained in developed ski areas for the purpose of providing first aid and evacuation of injured skiers. Ski patrol personnel are thoroughly trained and highly qualified to perform the duties required of them.

Adequate telephone or radio communication systems exist between ski development areas and visitor services centres where medical practitioners, hospital and ambulance services are available. Our present policy calls for ski patrol, first aid and evacuation services to become the responsibility of the ski area operators. The department will continue to set standards for these facilities and services.

DEATH IN FIRE ON H.M.C.S. "PROVIDER"

Question No. 942—Mr. McCleave:

1. Did fire occur aboard H.M.C.S. *Provider* in August, 1965, while she was drydocked at Halifax shipyards, taking the life of William Scudder?

2. What investigations were carried out by civil and military authorities into the death of Mr. Scudder?

3. What were the findings of such investigations?

4. Were any recommendations made to prevent further fatalities?