

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEED GROWERS
AND DEPARTMENT

Question No. 2,079—**Mr. Corbin:**

1. What is the working relation between the Canadian Seed Growers Association and the Canada Department of Agriculture?
2. On what basis is a \$44,000 annual grant made to the CSGA and is the CSGA accountable for this grant?
3. Are any parts of this grant distributed to lesser member associations or members and, if so, who are they and what amount of the grant does each receive?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. The Canadian Seed Growers' Association is the seed pedigreering agency as authorized by regulations of the Seeds Act. The Association prescribes the crop standards while the Department sets the grade standards for seed of the various pedigreed classes. The Department inspects the growing crop and reports its findings to the Association. Acceptable crops are granted pedigreed status and recorded by the Association. The Department controls the labelling and sealing of pedigreed seed.
2. To help defray the costs associated with the granting and recording of pedigreed seed crops. The CSGA is not accountable for this grant.
3. No.

IMPORTS OF LIVING INSECTS

Question No. 2,081—**Mr. Corbin:**

1. How many import permits of living insects and disease organisms for research and educational purposes were granted in 1966, 1967, 1968 by the Department of Agriculture?
2. What was the country of origin of these insects and disease organisms?
3. Who were the recipients of these insects and disease organisms?
4. What were these insects and organisms?
5. Under what specific conditions were these permits issued?
6. Have there been instances, in the past ten years, of voluntary or accidental liberations of any of these insects or disease organisms?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. 1966, 301 import permits; 1967, 291 import permits; 1968, 334 import permits.
2. The majority of importations were from the United States of America. Other importations were from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand.
3. Research Institutions, colleges and universities, high schools and individuals.
4. (a) Numerous genera and species within the class Insecta, mostly of non-quarantine

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significance; (b) Numerous species of fungi and bacteria, mostly of non-quarantine significance; (c) A limited number of virus cultures.

5. (a) That the insect or disease organism would be maintained by qualified personnel in such a manner as to prevent escape from the laboratory in question, or (b) That the specimen did not present a risk to Canadian agriculture, or; (c) That the specimen was useful or beneficial as a biological control agent.

6. Voluntary—There have been intended liberations of insect specimens for biological control purposes. Accidental—There have been no reports of accidental liberation or of injury to Canadian agricultural crops which could be attributed to pests granted entry for the purposes indicated.

BON ACCORD POTATO SEED FARM

Question No. 2,082—**Mr. Corbin:**

1. Did the Department of Agriculture participate with the Province of New Brunswick in setting up the Bon Accord Potato Seed Farm and, if so, in what way?
2. Is the Department presently participating in the project and, if so, in what way?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Department of Agriculture participation in the setting up of the Bon Accord Potato Seed Farm was confined to providing technical advice in the field of seed potato production.
2. Seed potatoes produced on this farm are inspected by Department of Agriculture staff.

GRANT TO HORSE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Question No. 2,083—**Mr. Corbin:**

1. Is an annual grant still given by the Canada Department of Agriculture to the Canadian Hunter, Saddle and Light Horse Improvement Society?
2. Who are the president, vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer of this Society and what are their addresses?
3. For what specific purposes is this grant given?
4. What are the activities of the Society?
5. What is their membership?
6. How many foundation mares were inspected and registered under the Society's programme in 1966, 1967 and 1968?
7. How much money has this Society received since the start of these grants from the federal government?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Yes. An annual grant of \$5,000 is provided by the Canada Department of Agriculture to