

tion of the Federal Fleets is under study. It is not possible at this time, to say whether or not Canadian Forces vessels will require to be fitted with technical equipment in support of the Department of Forestry and Fisheries' fleet. Any Canadian Coastguard vessels used to assist the Department of Fisheries from time to time would be supplied with appropriate technical equipment to the extent that the Department of Fisheries require.

RENOVATION OF OLD CUSTOMS BUILDING, CALGARY

Question No. 289—Mr. Harkness:

1. What was the cost of the renovation of the top floor of the old Customs Building in Calgary which was carried out approximately a year ago?
2. What is the estimated cost of the renovation now taking place on the first and second floors?
3. What use is to be made of this renovated building?
4. Is a cafe or cafeteria being provided for in this building and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. \$110,140.15.

2. A contract for \$411,996 has been awarded for renovations on the first, second and third floors.
3. The Customs Building, located at 11th Avenue and First Street will house offices for Customs, the Food and Drug Directorate, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Department of Public Works.
4. An area is being provided in this building that can be used as a lunchroom or a canteen, but the level of service, if any, that will be provided is dependent on an investigation that is now underway.

PATROL OF ARCTIC WATERS

Question No. 294—Mr. Thomson:

With reference to a question asked of the Minister of National Defence at page 25 of *Hansard*, what are the reasons the Canadian Government does not engage in regular patrols of Canadian Arctic waters?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The Canadian Forces carry out a planned surveillance patrol program in the Arctic. To be effective the patrols must be carried out at irregular intervals, on ever changing geographical patrol patterns.

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NEW ARMED FORCES UNIFORMS

Question No. 302—Mr. Harkness:

1. What is the total dollar value of clothing now on order by the Department of National Defence to convert all our armed service into green uniforms in place of khaki, navy blue and air force blue?
2. How much money has now been spent and how much more will be spent during the next twelve months to purchase green great coats for all defence personnel?
3. How many great coats in the old colours of khaki, navy blue and air force blue are presently in service and how many of these coats are in stores?
4. How many great coats for army, navy and air force have been destroyed, condemned or otherwise disposed of during the past two years; how many of these coats were actually worn out and how many of them were destroyed, condemned, sold or otherwise disposed of simply for reasons of colour?
5. On whose orders are uniforms and great coats condemned, destroyed or disposed of?
6. What inspection authority certifies that uniforms and great coats are worn out or unserviceable?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. Treasury Board has approved procurement of the new uniform at a maximum cost of \$25 million. As of September 30, 1969, \$17,840,317 had been committed to this program. The total estimated cash expenditure for this program is now \$22.4 million. During the re-equipping period, expenditures on the old style uniforms will be sharply reduced, and partially offset the cost of the new ones by some \$14 million.

2. As of September 30, 1969, \$79,031 has been spent against a commitment of \$1,812,500. Depending on deliveries, expenditures over the next twelve months, will probably increase to between \$800,000 and \$900,000.

3. All serving male members of the Armed Forces, as of July 31, 1969, are equipped with the old style service greatcoat. Current depot holdings are Navy, 3,257; Army, 199,422; Air Force, 22,876. Attention is directed to the reply given to part 5 of Mr. Marshall's question 2,654, at page 11689, in *Hansard* dated October 22, 1969. The large army holdings are a direct reflection of former policies concerning mobilization reserves.

4. The policy outlined in the above reference has been in effect for two years. Therefore, with the exception of worn out garments deemed to be unfit for future use or long term storage, no greatcoats have been disposed of, and none in any event because of colour.