

2. On March 31, were those enrolled informed that the pay was to be \$1,500 and, if so, will the Department of National Defence live up to its original commitment?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** 1. A flyer was issued by the Governor General's Foot Guards (Militia) (GGFG) late in 1973 for the purpose of recruiting militia men to serve with the Public Duties Detachment (PDD) which performs the Changing of the Guard Ceremony on Parliament Hill. The salary quoted, "approximately \$1,800", was based on the new rates of pay for Reservists but erroneously applied to the old system of pay which permitted members of the PDD to advance in rank and trade during their period of employment, whereas under the new rates of pay incentive pay increments are granted only after completion of one year of service. Mobile Command advised the GGFG of the inaccuracies contained in the flyer in February, 1974 and directed the unit to remove the pamphlet from circulation.

2. The GGFG contingent was assembled the weekend of March 31, 1974 and advised that the information relating to pay contained in the flyer was in error. They were all informed more than a month before their duties commenced that the minimum pay for the period May 1—September 3, 1974 would be \$1,512. Subsequently this information was confirmed in writing to all members of the PDD, and 49 out of 50 agreed to serve at the announced salary of \$1,512.

#### AMHERST DAILY NEWS

##### Question No. 346—Mr. Coates:

1. Was a DREE grant awarded to the *Amherst Daily News* of Amherst, Nova Scotia and, if so (a) on what date (b) what was the amount of the grant (c) what were the funds to be used for specifically (d) has the payment of the grant been made by the government?

2. Who is the publisher of the *Amherst Daily News* and who is the President of the company and the members of the Board of Directors?

3. Was the publisher of the *Amherst Daily News* a candidate in the federal election campaign of October 30, 1972 and, if so, for what political party and what were the official results of that election campaign?

4. Have similar DREE grants been awarded to other daily newspapers and, if so (a) what daily newspapers have received such grants (b) in what amounts (c) for what specific improvements?

5. Have similar DREE grants been made available to radio and television stations and, if so (a) in what amounts (b) to what radio and television stations (c) for what specific purposes?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the Chief Electoral Office as follows: 1. Under the authority of the Regional Development Incentives Act, an offer of an incentive grant to the *Amherst Daily News* was made on February 19, 1974, and accepted on February 22, 1974. The estimated amount of the development incentive to be paid is \$28,164, based on expected eligible costs of \$140,818. The offer was made to assist the applicant to expand and modernize its printing facility at Amherst. No funds had been expended as at October 8, 1974.

2. The publisher of the *Amherst Daily News* and the president of this company is R. M. Van Snick. The directors are: B. Murphy, Vice-President and General Manager;

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Mary K. Brown, Secretary; and H. B. Rhude, Director (Lawyer).

3. Yes. Voting results were as follows: Cumberland-Colchester North: Robert C. Coates (P.C.), 19,455; R. M. Dick Van Snick (Lib.), 10,163; Allan McLean Marchbank (N.D.P.), 3,635; Robert Kirk, 245.

4. (a), (b) and (c) Under Section 2(2) (c) of the Regional Development Incentives Regulations, a manufacturing or processing facility, for the purposes of eligibility under the provisions of the legislation, is defined as follows: "Manufacturing or processing operation means an operation whereby any goods, products, commodities or wares are created, fabricated or refined or made more marketable but does not include . . . publishing other than printing." In reply to Question No. 223, asked during the Second Session of the 29th Parliament, an alphabetic listing was tabled on March 27, 1974, of companies that had accepted incentive grant offers from the Department under the Regional Development Incentives Act, or Section 10 of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion Act, as of August 31, 1973, for the establishment, expansion or modernization of printing or related facilities. It was noted at that time that, while a certain number of the firms listed also operated publishing facilities, the grants were operated with their printing operations only. That listing included the names of four firms that publish daily newspapers. These four firms are: Sun Publishing Co., Brandon, Manitoba; Gazette Canadian Printing Company, Montreal, Quebec; Le Soleil Ltd., Quebec, Quebec; and Publication du Journal de Québec (Offset) Inc. Other details relating to the grants offered and accepted by the companies concerned are shown in the listing. There have been no similar incentive grant offers made and accepted between August 31, 1973, and October 9, 1974, except as indicated in 1 above.

5. No; (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

#### CANADIAN RESIDENTS LIABLE FOR INCOME TAX OF LESS THAN 10 PER CENT

##### Question No. 785—Mr. Kaplan:

For the most recent year for which figures are available, how many Canadian residents had incomes within the levels shown and were liable for income tax of less than 10 per cent thereof (a) \$25,000 to \$50,000 (b) \$50,000 to \$100,000 (c) \$100,000 to \$200,000 (d) \$200,000 and over (e) \$50,000 and over?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue):** (a) 2,486; (b) 327; (c) 75; (d) 49; (e) 451. This information is based on information derived from the 1972 Statistical Master file (the most recent year for which figures are available). Total income is defined as total income assessed for tax purposes, and includes income for employment, adult training allowances, research grants etc., pension income, income from other sources (including unemployment insurance benefits, dividends, interest, etc.) and net incomes from self employment. Tax payable includes federal and provincial Taxes assessed but excludes Quebec provincial taxes.