

Questions

The federal property in Halifax is comprised of about 50 properties involving over 200 separate buildings.

The hon. member has agreed to accept the above answer reserving the right to examine the details on file in the Department of Finance.

FEDERAL GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXATION,
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

Question No. 259—Mr. Morris:

1. Does the federal government pay grants to the town of Dartmouth in lieu of taxation on federal government properties?

2. If so, what is the formula used in the payment of such grants and is the formula related to the so called business tax rate or residential tax rate applied by the town of Dartmouth to taxpayers?

3. What was the total grant paid by the federal government to the town of Dartmouth in lieu of taxation on federal government properties in (a) 1956; (b) 1957; (c) 1958?

4. What are the individual assessed valuations of federal government properties in the town of Dartmouth?

Answer by: Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):

1. Yes.

2. The current tax rate of the town of Dartmouth is applied to the approved assessed value of federal property to calculate the grant. The town of Dartmouth does not have separate tax rates on business and residential properties.

3.

Taxation year to which payment related	Payment under sec. 5 (annual grant)	Payment under sec. 7 (local improvement grant)
(a) 1956	\$ 92,638	\$1,685.19
(b) 1957	\$106,997	\$ 522.57
(c) 1958	\$105,744	\$2,967.82

4. The total accepted value of federal property on which the 1958 grant was based—

Land	\$ 189,100
Buildings	\$2,974,100
Total	\$3,163,200

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FEDERAL GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXATION,
HALIFAX COUNTY

Question No. 260—Mr. Morris:

1. Does the federal government pay grants to the municipality of the county of Halifax in lieu of taxation on federal government properties?

2. If so, what is the formula used in the payment of such grants and is the formula related to the so called business tax or residential tax rate applied by the municipality of the county of Halifax to taxpayers?

3. What was the total grant paid by the federal government to the municipality of the county of Halifax in lieu of taxation on federal government properties in (a) 1956; (b) 1957; (c) 1958?

4. What are the individual assessed valuations of federal government properties in the municipality of the county of Halifax?

Answer by: Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):

1. Yes.

2. The current tax rate of the municipality is applied to the approved assessed value of federal property to calculate the grant. With respect to areas in the municipality that are designated as self-contained defence establishments under the act, a grant is paid only on federal land and on buildings used as residences; other buildings are excluded in these areas. There are four self-contained defence establishments in this municipality, viz:—

H.M.C.S. Shearwater,
Shannon park,
Bedford naval magazine,
North beaverbank.

With respect to all remaining federal government properties in the municipality, the tax equivalent is paid on both land and buildings.

The municipality of the county of Halifax does not have separate tax rates for business and residential properties.

3. 1956 grant, \$45,840; 1957 grant, \$75,000 (interim payment); 1958 grant, no payment yet.

4. The estimated total accepted value of federal property on which the 1957 grant will be based was \$5,400,000 covering 109 items.

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SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SERVANTS

Question No. 267—Mr. Hellyer:

1. Does the civil service commission approve of civil service employees participating in scholarships?

2. If so, what assistance or encouragement is given to employees when participating?

3. Was a scholarship leading to a master's degree in public administration advertised during August by the Maxwell school of Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, and leave granted by the Department of National Defence to one of its employees to enter such studies?

4. If so, (a) on what terms or arrangement; (b) what length of leave; (c) the name or names of employees recommended by the civil service commission, and terms of recommendation?

5. Was the recommendation carried out in full? If not, what were the changes and the reasons for changes?

6. Does the civil service commission intend to continue recommending employees to take up studies in other than Canadian universities?

7. What financial obligations are assumed by government departments because of this policy?