

BUTTER IMPORTS

Question No. 1,361—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

Did Canada import butter during the period from April 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974 and, if so (a) from what countries (b) at what cost (c) what quantity was imported from each country?

Hon. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that imports of butter into Canada in the period April to December, 1974 amounted to 41,716,900 pounds for a value of \$24,666,000. The table below shows the amount imported from each country of consignment and the average price in cents per pound.

Imports of Butter (Import Commodity Class 51-09) by Country

Country	From April 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974		
	Quantity lbs.	Value (\$'000)	Average Price in cents
Finland	1,572,200	770	\$ 0.49
Sweden	6,613,700	3,540	0.54
Australia	15,680,000	9,487	0.61
New Zealand	17,615,800	10,756	0.61
United States	235,200	103	0.44
Total	41,716,900	24,666	0.59

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES—RETIREMENT COST 1974-75

Question No. 1,364—**Mr. Herbert:**

What is the estimated cost in the current fiscal year of retirement pay to (a) officers (b) servicemen in the Canadian Armed Forces?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The estimated cost in the current fiscal year of retirement pay (severance pay) is as follows: (a) Officers \$4,956,847; (b) Servicemen \$9,873,872.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL HOUSING

Question No. 1,458—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Is consideration being given to extend CMHC loans and housing programmes to rural parts of the Atlantic Provinces?

2. Are there any plans (a) to provide increased financial assistance to the provinces for land assembly programme to lower the cost of lands for new housing projects (b) to provide grants to reduce interest payments for middle and lower income families (c) to take any steps to direct all available low down payment mortgage money toward the purchase of moderately-priced homes?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I am advised by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows: Loans and housing programs under the National Housing Act are available to rural areas of the Atlantic provinces, and elsewhere in Canada. The Rural and Native Housing Program places emphasis on the application of this assistance in communities of 2,500 population or less, and in rural areas, through the Public Housing provisions of Section 40, Assisted Home Ownership Program of Section 34.15, and Residential Rehabilitation of Section 34.1.

(2)(a) The capital budget for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for 1975 allocates approximately \$107

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million to federal-provincial land assembly and development programs. These funds are intended to stabilize and, where possible, reduce serviced land prices for new housing projects. The amendments to the National Housing Act, currently being considered include proposals to broaden the assistance available to municipalities under the sewage treatment loan program. (b) Grants to reduce interest payments for middle and lower income families, in the form of a reduction of the mortgage interest rate and of subsidies on mortgage payments, are available under the Assisted Home Ownership program. The proposed amendments to the National Housing Act include provision for extending these subsidy benefits to low and moderate income housing financed through approved lenders under the National Housing Act; (c) Low down-payment mortgage money is directed toward the purchase of moderately priced homes under the existing Assisted Home Ownership Program, and this direction will be extended under the proposed Assisted Home Ownership Program financed through the approved lenders.

BARLEY AND CEREAL CROPS USED BY LIQUOR INDUSTRY

Question No. 1,474—**Mr. Friesen:**

How many bushels or tons of barley and other cereal crops were used by the liquor industry in the years 1972, 1973 and 1974?

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that the tons of barley and other cereal crops used by the liquor industry in the years 1972, 1973 and 1974 are as given in the table below.

Quantities of Cereals and Malts Used in the Production of Beer and Liquor in Canada

	1972	1973	1974
	tons		
(1) Cereal flakes, grits and meals: ¹			
Corn, Canadian	325,816	269,143	270,336
Corn, imported	121,412	239,403	240,144
Barley	5,243	1,768	110
Rice	1,528	2,136	2,163
Rye	92,600	96,599	80,993
Soybean	5	4	2
Wheat	3,974	2,826	1,263
Other cereals	11,734	5,193	1
(2) Malts: ²			
Barley, Canadian	321,731	334,793	338,415
Barley, imported	4	1,506	803
Other cereal malts	included with barley malt		2,047

¹ Whole grains are not used as such; they must be degermed. In the conversion of whole grains to flakes, grits and meals approximately 24 per cent by weight is converted to other products and waste. 1 bushel of corn weighs approximately, 56 pounds; 1 bushel of barley weighs approximately, 48 pounds; 1 bushel of rye weighs approximately, 56 pounds; 1 bushel of wheat weighs approximately, 60 pounds.