

\$6 million; Housing research and community planning, \$2 million; Granville Island, \$2 million; Corporation Capital projects, \$8 million. (d) \$4 million for the Department of the Solicitor General: Staffing for two medium security institutions, \$4 million. (e) \$4 million for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: VIP protections, \$4 million. (f) \$6 million for the National Harbours Board: General reduction in cash requirements, \$6 million.

2. \$41 million of miscellaneous items: Multipurpose exhibition facilities, \$2 million; Canadian Dairy Commission, increase in skim milk powder levy, \$14 million; Fishing vessel subsidies, \$1 million; Increased investment in Panarctic, \$12 million; Tourism advertising, \$1 million; Grants and contributions, Justice, \$1 million; Community Employment Strategy, \$3 million; Institute for research in public policy, \$1 million; Accommodation lease costs, \$3 million; Film productions, \$1 million; Interior design and furniture, Supply and Services, \$2 million.

#### DREE—GUARANTEED LOANS FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Question No. 3,204—**Mr. Howie:**

How many firms in Prince Edward Island had loans guaranteed by DREE from April 1, 1973 to September 30, 1975 (a) what was the total amount of the guarantees (b) how many of the firms are not currently operating (c) what was the total amount of guarantees to the firms not currently operating?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: None. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

#### DREE—GUARANTEED LOANS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 3,205—**Mr. Howie:**

How many firms in New Brunswick had loans guaranteed by DREE from April 1, 1973 to September 30, 1975 (a) what was the total amount of the guarantees (b) how many of the firms are not currently operating (c) what was the total amount of guarantees to the firms not currently operating?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: Two. (a) \$2,961,000. (b) One. (c) \$2,700,000.

#### DREE—GUARANTEED LOANS TO NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 3,207—**Mr. Howie:**

How many firms in Nova Scotia had loans guaranteed by DREE from April 1, 1973 to September 30, 1975 (a) what was the total amount of the guarantees (b) how many of the firms are not currently operating (c) what was the total amount of guarantees to the firms not currently operating?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: None. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

### Order Paper Questions

#### INCOME TAX RETURNS

Question No. 3,211—**Mr. Howie:**

1. How many persons filed income tax returns for each taxation year (a) 1968 (b) 1970 (c) 1972 (d) 1974 in (i) New Brunswick (ii) Nova Scotia (iii) Prince Edward Island (iv) Newfoundland (v) Quebec?

2. What was the average *per capita* taxable income in (a) New Brunswick (b) Nova Scotia (c) Prince Edward Island (d) Newfoundland (e) Quebec, each year (i) 1968 (ii) 1970 (iii) 1972 (iv) 1974?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of National Revenue):** The answer to both parts of this question may be found in the annual publication "Taxation Statistics". The total number of returns filed for the five requested provinces for 1968, 1970 and 1972 is contained in table 5 of each of the editions 1970, 1972 and 1974 respectively of this publication. The average per capita taxable income of these provinces for the required years may also be determined from table 5 of those three editions. The statistics may be calculated by dividing the total taxable income reported on all returns by the total number of all returns. Since 1974 data is not tabulated until all returns are filed, the information requested pertaining to 1974 is not available at the present time.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHING FOAM

Question No. 3,243—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. What are the peculiar characteristics of the liquid concentrate fire extinguishing foam that is purchased from Laurentian Concentrates Limited, Ottawa, Ontario, that make its costs justified?

2. Are there facsimilies available?

3. Has there been any effort to interest other companies to tender on this "qualified product" and, if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. The liquid concentrate fire extinguishing foam purchased from Laurentian Concentrates is a concentrated homogeneous colloidal suspension of hydrolyzed protein foam stabilizers and metallic salts with sufficient preservations to prevent decomposition of the foam while in storage. The liquid produces a heavy blanket of foam which lasts for several minutes (over 15) to permit safe rescue operations. The item has been classed as a "strategic" product and is manufactured in accordance with Specification CGSB28-GP-28.

2. Facsimilies are not available from any other Canadian manufacturer and in view of the "strategic" classification assigned, "off shore" supply is not considered.

3. The committee responsible for the preparation of the governing Specification CGSB28-GP-28 involved participants from the associated industry including, in addition to Laurentian Concentrates, representatives from Penwalt Chemicals of Canada, Ansul International of Canada, Fyr-Fyter Company of Canada, Levitt-Safety Limited, Pyrene Manufacturing Company and 3M Company. These firms have always had an awareness of the continuing requirement for the foam in question and of our objective to have additional manufacturing resources established in Canada. However, we have yet to have any firm submit samples for "qualification testing" or to explore the feasibility of setting up an operation for the production of this type of fire extinguishant.