

2. Statistics Canada does not have information on the number of students who graduated from secondary school.

LOSS OF EXPORTS AS A RESULT OF IMPOSITION OF UNITED STATES SURCHARGE

Question No. 152—Mr. Orlikow:

1. What is the estimate by the government of the loss of exports (not the exports affected) by the imposition of the United States surcharge?
2. What was the estimate of unemployment for the next 12 months made by the government before President Nixon imposed the ten percent surcharge?
3. What is the present estimate of unemployment for the next 12 months made by the government?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Finance as follows: 1. The survey carried out in August 1971, by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce of 1,300 firms affected by the surcharge suggested that the direct loss of export sales at annual rates could approach \$400 million after three months, \$700 million after six months and \$900 million after one year. The Department has not attempted to assess the actual loss of affected exports in relation to these estimates because of the difficulty of isolating the effects of the surcharge from other factors which have influenced Canadian merchandise exports.

2. and 3. The government does not provide specific quantitative official forecasts of the level of unemployment.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO HELP SMALL FARMERS

Question No. 157—Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):

1. On what date was the first meeting of a Technical Committee created by the Minister of Agriculture to deal with the development of a national program to help small farmers in Canada?
2. Who are the members of this committee and how were they chosen?
3. What specific matters will they consider and is this committee receiving representations?
4. To whom will their recommendations be made and will their discussions be of a public or private nature?
5. On what dates will they make an interim and a final report?
6. What arrangements will be made for provincial and/or regional representation?
7. What method will ensure consultation with farmers and the farming community in Canada?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): 1. November 30th, 1971.

2. The committee members were chosen by the Ministers of Agriculture and are as follows: British Columbia, Mr. Maurice King; Alberta, Mr. J. W. Clarke; Saskatchewan, Mr. D. F. McArthur; Manitoba, Mr. W. P. Janssen; Ontario, Mr. K. E. Lantz; Quebec, Mr. Claude Simoneau; New Brunswick, Mr. Raymond Scovil; Nova Scotia, Mr. Walter Grant; Prince Edward Island, Mr. Garry Ryle; Newfoundland, Mr. Gerry O'Riley.

Federal: Dr. R. P. Poirier, Dr. D. H. Plaunt, Mr. W. T. Burns, Mr. George Owen, and Mr. E. Carr.

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3. The technical committee is to suggest a method to reconcile the federal and provincial proposals for assisting low income farmers. It is to propose minimum acceptable levels within an agreed national framework. It will also make recommendations on methods of administering this program. The committee will not be receiving representations.

4. To a private meeting of federal and provincial ministers of Agriculture.

5. A second meeting of the committee was held on December 21 and the final report will be drafted shortly.

6. All provinces are represented on the committee.

7. No formal direct method of consultation with farmers has been set up for the technical committee. Farmers' organizations were consulted in the process of developing the program.

P.E.I.—PRODUCTION OF CRANBERRIES

Question No. 161—Mr. Macquarrie:

1. For each of the past ten years, what has been the total production of cranberries in Prince Edward Island?
2. In each year, what was the estimated cash value of these crops?
3. Has any branch or department of the Government of Canada been involved in providing assistance in research or marketing in respect to cranberry growing?
4. Have any requests been received for such assistance and, if so, of what kind?
5. What was the total estimated production of cranberries in Canada for each of the past ten years?
6. What was the total cash value for each of the past ten years?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by Statistics Canada and the Department of Agriculture as follows: 1, 2, 5, and 6. The following table provides figures for total production and estimated cash value of cranberries in Prince Edward Island and for all of Canada. Complete data for Prince Edward Island are not available as wild crops are being harvested and, therefore, production and value are to some extent, estimated.

CRANBERRIES

Year	P.E.I.		Canada	
	1. '000 lbs. (Production)	2. Value \$000	5. '000 lbs. (Production)	6. Value \$000
1961.....	60	5	719	107
1962.....	50	7	530	73
1963.....	100	11	1,071	167
1964.....	15	2	1,040	171
1965.....	—	—	1,550	241
1966.....	—	—	1,797	287
1967.....	—	—	2,437	390
1968.....	30	4	3,170	521
1969.....	—	—	2,866	470
1970.....	35	4	5,922	722
1971.....	55	Not yet available	10,520	Not yet available