

*Order Paper Questions*

Hydro and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. On March 3, in a meeting held with all four parties, the mediator presented a draft agreement and requested the parties to review the draft. Discussions on Canada's position on the issues have taken place with the Northern Flood Committee, and further discussions will be held shortly.

## PUBLIC SERVICE—APPROVAL TO FILL ALL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Question No. 1,962—**Mr. Herbert:**

Have any departments been refused approval to fill all authorized positions for the current fiscal year and, if so, which departments and to what levels has authorization been given?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):** No departments have been refused approval to fill all authorized man-years or positions for the current fiscal year. However it should be recognized that central control of the size of the Public Service is by means of man-years authorized rather than positions. Only the senior management complement of executives or equivalents is centrally controlled by numbers of positions authorized.

## PUBLIC SERVICE—UNOCCUPIED POSITIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

Question No. 1,963—**Mr. Herbert:**

By department, how many authorized positions in the Public Service were not occupied as of December 31, 1976?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):** The size of the Public Service is measured by man-years and not by positions. Included in authorized man-years are provisions for continuing full-time, casual, seasonal and term employees. Classified positions provide only the authority for the level of pay for continuing full-time staff and in normal circumstances departments would have a slightly greater number of positions than man-years to provide flexibility, therefore a report on the number of positions not occupied would not reflect the true number of vacancies within authorized man-years.

## PUBLIC SERVICE—PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF POSITIONS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT COMPLEMENT FOR 1977-78

Question No. 1,964—**Mr. Herbert:**

In comparison to the number of occupied positions in the Public Service as of December 31, 1976, what will be the percentage increase in the number of positions of the senior management complement for the 1977-78 fiscal year when all authorized positions are occupied?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):** Authorized positions in the senior management complement stood at 1,716 December 31, 1976 and are forecast to reach 1,734 by March 31, 1977 at which point they will be frozen for the 1977-78 fiscal year. Thus the percentage increase in the number of positions will be zero for 1977-78. It is impossible for all authorized positions in the senior management comple-

[Mr. Penner.]

ment to be occupied since incumbents are constantly retiring, being promoted or leaving for other reasons and their replacement by competition takes time. The vacancy rate is not expected to be substantially different this time next year. There were 1,448 senior executives occupying senior management complement positions December 31, 1976. It is not likely this figure will exceed 1,500 by March 31, 1978.

## BUTTER IN STORAGE

Question No. 2,050—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

1. How many pounds of butter were in storage as of December 31, 1976, and of this amount, how much was produced in Canada?
2. If any was imported (a) for what reason was the government participating in a programme of importing butter (b) was this in excess of Canada's needs (c) what effect did this have on the income of Canadian farmers?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. 58.2 million pounds. 100 per cent produced in Canada.

2. Not applicable.

## FEEDER CATTLE

Question No. 2,058—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

What was the number of feeder cattle shipped to Ontario from western Canada in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977 to date?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** (a) 357,413; (b) 266,100; (c) 2,949.

## CONTROL OF WILD OATS

Question No. 2,059—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

How many persons in the Department of Agriculture, Research Branch, are working on methods of control for wild oats at the present time?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Seven persons in the Department of Agriculture, Research Branch, are working on methods of control for wild oats at the present time.

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[English]

## STARRED QUESTION

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, would you please call starred question No. 1,685?

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\*LETTER CARRIER DELIVERY SERVICE FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF WOODLAWN PARK-HARBOURVIEW

Question No. 1,685—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. Has the Red Head Homeowners Association of Woodlawn Park-Harbourview subdivision requested letter carrier service and, if so, how has the Postmaster General responded to this request?
2. How many group box holders are in the subdivision?
3. Is this service considered adequate by the Post Office Department?