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PEI—FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
CONSTRUCTION OF STARCH FACTORY

**Question No. 196—Mr. MacQuarrie:**

1. Have any requests been made to the Government of Canada for financial assistance in the construction of a starch factory in Prince Edward Island and, if so, what has been the response?

2. Is the Government of Canada assisting in any way in any plans to erect starch factories in the Maritime Provinces as an aid to the potato industry?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as follows: 1. No.

2. Not at the present time.

NORTHUMBERLAND FERRY SERVICE—ALTERNATIVE  
LOADING DOCK AT CARIBOU, N.S.

**Question No. 205—Mr. MacLean:**

What action, if any, is the Department of Transport taking to provide an alternative loading dock at Caribou, Nova Scotia, for the Northumberland Ferry service?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** At this time, the Department of Transport is not considering any alternative loading dock at Caribou, Nova Scotia, for the Northumberland Ferry Service. However, an additional facility including a wharf is being built at Caribou for the fishing vessels and pleasure craft that previously used the ferry dock. This will leave the present loading dock for the use of the Northumberland Ferry Service.

DUTIES OF G. W. DOUCET, PARIS, FRANCE

**Question No. 213—Mr. Yewchuk:**

1. What are the duties of G. W. Doucet while in Paris with the Commodity, Trade Policy Branch of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce?

2. What agricultural background, with particular reference to production, has he?

3. What is his salary?

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** 1. Mr. Doucet has been seconded from the Commodity Trade Policy Branch of the Department to the Trade Commissioner Service while he is in Paris. His duties, therefore are essentially those of a Trade Commissioner and involve the promotion of Canadian agricultural exports in France and reporting on French agricultural developments. In addition, because of his knowledge and experience in agricultural trade policy within the Department, he is also engaged in agricultural trade policy issues arising between Canada and France as well as those relating to the role of France within the European Economic Community.

2. Mr. Doucet has spent several years in the Agriculture Division, Commodity Trade Policy Branch of the Department. During this period, he has dealt with a wide range of problems relating to both domestic and international agricultural policy. Through this work he has familiarized himself with the production and marketing problems and potential of Canadian agriculture.

3. The salary range is \$13,434 to \$15,725.

[Mr. Perrault.]

TRANS-CANADA COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK

**Question No. 217—Mr. Yewchuk:**

1. What consideration is being given by the government to develop a Trans-Canada Computer Communications Network?

2. What kind of measures will the government take to assure that the trunk computer communications network will be entirely Canadian owned and controlled?

3. What immediate steps are being considered by the government to prevent future takeovers by foreign companies in the computer/communications field?

4. To date, has the government given research and development grants to (a) Consolidated Computer Ltd. (b) IBM Canada Ltd. (c) Control Data Canada Ltd. (d) Univac Division Sperry Rand Corp. and, if so, what amount in each case?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Communications and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce as follows: 1. The Government through the Computer/Communications Task Force has a comprehensive set of studies currently underway. These studies are aimed at the orderly, rational and efficient development of the computer utilities concept in a Canadian setting. (The term "Trans-Canada Computer Communications Network" used by the Science Council in their recent report is an appropriate description for one aspect of what eventually could become an integrated network of Canadian computer utilities.) The final report of this Task Force containing its detailed recommendations is expected by the Government by the end of March 1972, at which point the Government will give it consideration.

2. The report of the Computer/Communications Task Force will contain detailed recommendations concerning the necessity for, and appropriate measures to ensure Canadian ownership and control of the Canadian Computer/Communications Network.

3. Pending the receipt of the Computer/Communications Task Force's report, no special steps are currently planned in the field of computer communications to prevent takeovers by foreign companies in this area.

4. As of April 4, 1972, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce has given research and development grants under the PAIT Program to: (a) Consolidated Computer Limited, \$929,940; (c) Control Data Canada Limited, \$6,624,833. No research and development grants have been provided under the PAIT Program to: (b) IBM Canada Limited; (d) Univac Division—Sperry Rand Corporation. Section 13 of the Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act prohibits the divulgence of information concerning any corporation.

CLOSING OF CANADIAN FORCES BASES

**Question No. 229—Mr. Stewart (Marquette):**

1. What criteria or formula are used by the government in determining its base consolidation policy?

2. What is the final formula used in closing Canadian Forces Bases?

3. Is it part of the procedure, prior to making the final decision, to consult with both municipal and provincial authorities in the immediate, affected localities?