

CALGARY, ALBERTA—COST OF BANK OF CANADA BUILDING

Question No. 1,167—**Mr. Woolliams:**

1. What did the lot, upon which the Bank of Canada building in Calgary was constructed, cost?
2. (a) What was the total cost of the building (b) how much per square foot did the building cost (c) what contractors built the building?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** It has not been the practice nor is it considered appropriate to answer questions regarding the internal administration of the Bank of Canada.

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION—ARREARS OF PAYMENTS

Question No. 1,168—**Mr. Thomson:**

With reference to the answer to Question Number 1,006 at page 4036 of *Hansard*, March 8, 1971, what is the breakdown of the percentage of arrears by province?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** The Farm Credit Corporation advises as follows:

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
	%	%	%	%
British Columbia	11.2	11.1	14.0	15.5
Alberta	11.7	11.5	13.5	19.3
Saskatchewan	2.5	4.1	6.4	11.6
Manitoba	2.8	3.7	7.2	14.0
Ontario	5.2	5.8	6.5	7.8
Quebec	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.8
New Brunswick	6.9	3.8	4.9	4.9
Nova Scotia	8.8	10.8	10.0	10.2
Prince Edward Island	8.0	9.4	12.7	11.3
Newfoundland	0.3	3.5	4.3	7.8

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

PROJECTS PLANNED BY INFORMATION CANADA

Question No. 708—**Mr. Mather:**

1. What projects were (a) planned (b) underway (c) completed by Information Canada as of December 15, 1970?
2. What is the budget or total expenditure in each case?
3. Which of the above projects have as a goal the promotion of Canadian unity?

Return tabled.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

LABOUR RELATIONS

DELAY IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND RAILWAYS—INTERRUPTION OF RAIL SERVICE

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley

Rail Service Negotiations

West (Mr. Rose), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the interruption of rail service on the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific caused by unwarranted delays in the negotiations between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the railways, the four-month delay before a conciliation board was appointed by the Minister of Labour, the six-month delay before the said board made its report, and the failure of the board to make recommendations on all but two of the more than 20 issues referred to it, and the urgent need to seek an immediate settlement of the dispute in view of the serious effects on the economy of a railway strike affecting the movement of grains, perishables, minerals and other products.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Moose Jaw has given the Chair the notice required under Standing Order 26. Without going into the details of the form of the notice given, I think I should indicate to the hon. member for Moose Jaw that both the notice as given to the Chair and the statement as presented by the hon. member to the House might perhaps be considered as going somewhat beyond the very limited terms of reference allowed to the hon. member by the terms of Standing Order 26, which invites an hon. member to merely state what the matter is that he wishes to be considered by the House. In any event, I can assure the hon. member that I have given the matter very serious consideration.

• (2:20 p.m.)

It is obvious to the House, I am sure, that the hon. member has raised a very important matter which conceivably might require further consideration at some time in the future. After carefully perusing the hon. member's motion, I should like to suggest that the events referred to are in the nature of a developing situation in that the two parties are still, as I understand it, discussing the issue. I do not feel that the Chair can assume that these negotiations are in such a state as to require a debate in the House at the present time under the provisions of Standing Order 26. It should also be observed that if leave were granted to allow a debate under Standing Order 26 at this time, under our rules it would be impossible for the hon. member, or any other hon. member, to raise this issue again during the current session under the terms of Standing Order 26.

Bearing all these considerations in mind, I feel that the motion proposed should not be allowed at this time.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN PULP AND PAPER COMPANIES BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for