

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Camp Chilliwack, British Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Camp Shilo, Manitoba; Guelph, Ontario; Camp Borden, Ontario; Camp Petawawa, Ontario; Brockville, Ontario; Camp Valcartier, Quebec; Camp Debort, Nova Scotia; Ottawa, Ontario. Each hospital has a capacity of 200 beds.

INGONISH, N.S.—POST OFFICE BUILDING

Question No. 826—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

Is it the intention of the government to construct a new post office building at Ingonish, Nova Scotia and, if so, when will tenders be called?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): No.

GOGAMA, ONT.—PURCHASE OF LOTS BY POST OFFICE

Question No. 831—**Mr. Fawcett:**

1. Did the Post Office Department purchase lots 33 and 34, Poupore street, Gogama, Ontario in 1961 or 1962, for the purpose of building a post office?

2. If so, what was the purchase price and does the department still hold the deeds for the property?

3. If these lots were sold by the department, to whom were they sold and for what price?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. The Department of Public Works purchased lots 33 and 34, Poupore street in May 1962 as the site of a future post office.

2. The purchase price was \$2,000. and the Department of Public Works still hold the deeds for the property.

3. Not applicable.

RECEIPTS FROM PARI-MUTUEL BETTING

Question No. 842—**Mr. Coates:**

1. What was the total amount of receipts by the federal government for pari-mutuel betting in Canada during 1965?

2. What was the breakdown as between the receipts from thoroughbred racing and harness racing?

3. What was the breakdown by provinces?

4. Does the government intend to initiate any new practices for the protection of the betting public and more especially with regard to the testing of animals involved in races as to the possible use of drugs and, if so, of what would these new practices consist?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): 1. The total amount of receipts by the federal government for pari-mutuel betting in Canada for the period January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965, was \$1,385,837.48.

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2. Thoroughbred racing, \$849,599.51; Harness racing, \$536,237.97.

	Thoroughbred racing	Harness racing
British Columbia	\$114,664.42	\$ 4,793.51
Alberta	92,404.33	21,597.23
Saskatchewan	12,200.69	3,082.63
Manitoba	42,047.23	239.83
Ontario	509,348.22	389,130.48
Quebec	78,934.62	75,331.77
New Brunswick		12,229.63
Nova Scotia		23,925.48
Prince Edward Island		5,443.18
Newfoundland		464.23

4. The procedures for the testing of animals involved in racing are continually reviewed, and desirable new practices and procedures are instituted as they become available.

EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY GOLD MINING ASSISTANCE ACT

Question No. 853—**Mr. Orange:**

1. Is any action being taken to extend the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act beyond its proposed expiry date in 1967 and, if not, when will a decision be made on whether or not to extend the Act?

2. If the act is to be extended, is it intended to remove the provisions excluding assistance to gold mines coming into operation in areas outside established gold mine communities as defined by the Act?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): 1. The Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act was extended in December 1963 for a period of four years to the end of 1967. The amendment to the act did not change the formula used in computing the amount of assistance payable to the gold mines. However, the amending legislation did introduce a restriction which affects a new gold mine coming into production after June 30, 1965. After that date a new gold mine is eligible for assistance only if it provides direct support to an existing gold mining community.

Although no direct action is presently being taken to extend the act, we are well aware of the needs of the gold mining industry and the situation is constantly under serious study.