

2. In how many cases, by province, have revocations of such closure orders been made?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** The answer to part 1 of the question is since 25 June, 1968: Newfoundland, 58; P.E.I., 31; Nova Scotia, 121; New Brunswick, 101; Quebec, 248; Ontario, 336; Manitoba, 62; Saskatchewan, 175; Alberta, 117; British Columbia, 46; Yukon, 2; Northwest Territories, 2.

The answer to part 2 is: Newfoundland, 12; Nova Scotia, 1; New Brunswick, 1; Manitoba, 1; Saskatchewan, 3.

PERCENTAGE OF FEDERAL TAX COLLECTION  
SPENT BY GOVERNMENT

Question No. 1,904—**Mr. Robinson:**

What percentage of tax collected by the federal government has been spent by the federal government in each year 1940 to 1969 inclusive?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** In each fiscal year from 1940-41 to 1968-69 total federal expenditures, including Old Age Security and contributions to provinces and municipalities, exceeded 100 per cent of the total federal tax collections with the exception of two fiscal years, 1947-48 and 1948-49 where they amounted to 89.6 per cent and 89.3 per cent respectively. It should be noted that in addition to being financed by tax revenue, federal expenditures are financed by other revenue sources, such as investment income, borrowing and reductions in the government's cash balances. Monies collected by the federal government and paid out to provinces under the Tax Collection Agreements, operative since 1962-63, have not been included.

\*INDIAN AFFAIRS—DISCUSSION OF AGE  
OF ELECTORS

Question No. 1,907—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. Since January 1, 1970, what is the name of each Indian Band with whom the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has discussed the question of the age of electors as defined in the Indian Act and the date of each such conversation?

2. What has been the view expressed by each such Band with respect to this question?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** 1. I have no official discussions with particular Indian bands on this question. However, the regional director in British Columbia discussed it with the chief of the Kitkatla Band and with the chief of the Nanaimo Band during the latter part of April, and discussions also took place in P.E.I. prior to the last provincial

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elections with the chief of the reserve. The union of B.C. chiefs have been informed of the new provincial legislation and were told that possible changes are being considered by the department. In other provinces no discussions have taken place. However, I have asked my departmental officials to speak with the band leaders to receive an expression of their views.

2. The views expressed by the band leaders in B.C. and P.E.I. who have discussed this subject with the regional director and his superintendents reveal a desire to have the provincial age of 19 apply to band elections.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—BROKERAGE FEES  
RECEIVED BY CARGILL GRAIN LTD.

Question No. 1,910—**Mr. Rondeau:**

How much has Cargill Grain Ltd. of Winnipeg, authorized agent for the Canadian Wheat Board, received in brokerage fees following the negotiations leading to the sale of 500,000 metric tons (18.3 million bushels) of wheat to the United Arab Republic?

[Translation]

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** The Canadian Wheat Board does not pay remuneration to its agents for negotiating Canadian grain sales.

[English]

PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

Question No. 1,912—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date was the Prices and Incomes Commission established and what has been the cost to the federal government to date?

2. Who is the Chairman of the Commission and what is his annual salary and what has been to date the amount of his expenses?

3. Who produced the recent pamphlet mailed by the Commission to many Canadians, what was the cost of the pamphlet, how many were mailed, was postage paid for the mailing of the pamphlet and, if so, what was the cost of the postage and if postage was not paid, for what reason and are Commissions also given free postage privileges and, if so, by what authority?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** I have been informed by the Chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission as follows: 1. (a) June 19, 1969. (b) (i) Fiscal Year 1969-70, \$555,600; (ii) Fiscal Year (April 1, 1970 to May 25, 1970, \$137,907).

2. (a) John H. Young. (b) Mr. Young is paid a salary in the range of a D.M. 3 (\$37,000-\$40,000). (c) (i) Travel expenses from May 7, 1969 to May 25, 1970, \$4,745.70; (ii) Removal expenses \$2,040.41.