

Questions

HOMES BUILT UNDER VETERANS LAND ACT*Question No. 2,357—Mr. Rynard:**

1. How many homes were built in Ontario under the Veterans' Land Act during the past five years?

2. How many loans under the Veterans' Land Act were granted where both the husband and the wife qualified?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part is, 2,002. The answer to the second part is as follows: The Veterans' Land Act regulations provide that where a man and wife are both veterans only one of them may receive the benefits of Part I of the act. Information is not readily available from VLA records as to whether established veterans' wives are also veterans.

VETERANS AFFAIRS PUBLIC RELATIONS

Question No. 2,358—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

Is there a branch or division within the Department of Veterans Affairs dealing with Public Relations matters and, if so, how many people are so employed there, what is the official name of the branch or division, what amount of money was expended during the fiscal year 1968-69, what positions are held by each person working therein and what is the salary paid to each and their qualifications?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): There is a division in the Department of Veterans Affairs dealing with public relations matters. There are 11 employees and the official name is the Public Relations Division. The total amount expended by the Division during the fiscal year 1968-69 was \$117,427. The positions, salaries and qualifications of the staff of the Division are set out hereunder: Chief, Public Relations Division, Information Officer 4, salary \$14,490 per annum. Since joining the Department in 1944, has been involved in information and public relations work; has been chief of the division since 1954; Canadian Public Relations Society Accreditation; overseas veteran World War II. Information Officer 3, salary \$10,960 per annum. Graduate in law from Laval University; nine years in newspaper and journalism work; has been with Public Relations Division for two years. Information Officer 2, salary \$9,660 per annum. Graduate in arts from Toronto University; over 20 years experience in Department of Veterans Affairs the last eight years in the Public Relations Division as editor of departmental publications; member Canadian Industrial Editors

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Association. Information Officer 2, salary \$9,800 per annum. Employed with commercial radio stations and for 11 years with C.B.C. as a publicist; joined Public Relations Division, DVA in October 1968; overseas veteran World War II. Information Officer 1, salary \$8,412 per annum. Reporter with daily commercial news; eight years as publicity assistant, Department of Trade and Commerce; seven years with Public Relations Division, DVA; overseas veteran World War II. Administrative Officer 1, salary \$7,812 per annum. Over 25 years experience in DVA in clerical and administrative work; in Public Relations Division, DVA since May 1968. Support Staff: 1—CR 4, salary \$5,211 per annum; 2—CR 3, salary \$5,124 per annum; 1—CR 3, salary \$4,656 per annum; 1—ST 2, salary \$3,852 per annum.

PUBLIC WORKS—PUBLIC RELATIONS
PERSONNEL**Question No. 2,401—Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Public Works have a relations staff and, if so, how many?

2. What was the total cost of public relations for the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

FARM MACHINERY PRICES

Question No. 2,402—Mr. Beaudoin:

Has it been determined by the Royal Commission on Farm Machinery that prices for various types of tractors are much lower in England than in Canada and, if so, what steps will the government take to reduce prices in Canada?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): The Royal Commission on Farm Machinery prepared a paper for the Canadian Agriculture Congress in March, 1969, entitled "Farm Tractor Prices in Canada Compared with Those in England and Other Countries". This paper shows that prices in the 1967 selling season were significantly higher in Canada than in the United Kingdom for tractors up to 55 to 60 hp. but somewhat lower for tractors with greater horsepower.

Announcement of any policy which may be established in this regard will be made to the House in the usual manner.