

Order Paper Questions

Kamloops-Cariboo	1,057,000
Kootenay West	315,000
Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands	642,000
New Westminster	150,000
Okanagan Boundary	1,390,000
Okanagan-Kootenay	739,000
Prince George-Peace River	1,208,000
Skeena	3,630,000
Surrey-White Rock	150,000
Vancouver Centre	477,000
Vancouver East	1,173,000
Vancouver Kingsway	176,000
Vancouver Quadra	150,000
Vancouver South	150,000
Victoria	150,000
Provincial Total	16,372,000

*Phase 3—Canada Works Program

*CANADIAN PHYSICIANS

Question No. 1,936—**Mr. Rynard:**

1. During the year 1977, how many physicians engaged in (a) general practice, (b) teaching and medical research, (c) specialty practice, have emigrated from Canada?

2. What is the percentage of graduating physicians over the attrition rate?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The number of Canadian physicians who emigrated from Canada in 1977 is not known precisely. Based upon preliminary Canadian records it is estimated that 733 active civilian physicians left Canada in 1977. Of these, 278 were general practitioners, 271 were specialists and 184 were interns or residents. The number in teaching or in medical research is not known. The 733 physicians who left the country may include not only permanent emigrants, but also physicians going abroad for further training, as exchange visitors, or for other "temporary" reasons. On the other hand, some additional physicians may have gone abroad, but no record of their departure could be identified.

2. The number of graduates of Canadian Medical Schools in 1977 was 1,704. The total number of physicians becoming "active" in 1977 was 2,136. The total number of physicians who ceased to be active was 1,930. The losses were more than offset not only by the new graduates, but also by immigrants and other new entrants into the system, as well as by physicians regaining active status. On the basis of preliminary data it is estimated that the total supply of active civilian physicians increased by about 1,000 in 1977.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Cullen.]

POINTS OF ORDER

MR. BEATTY—METHOD USED IN ANSWERING WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the parliamentary secretary did not follow the customary procedure which is to make available to the various parties a list of the questions which he intends to answer that day. I certainly give my consent to the questions being answered the way they have been but it leaves us in the difficult position that the questions which have not been answered in today's answers are not known to us and we will not know what they are until we see the list.

Traditionally it has been possible to draw the attention of the parliamentary secretary and of the House to the fact that the government has been tardy in responding to questions. The only way we can do that is if we know what questions have been answered. As it is, we cannot draw the attention of the parliamentary secretary to those questions beforehand because of the arrangement scheduled for today.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I think that the hon. member's question is purely academic. Even if he had known in advance which questions would remain unanswered today nothing would have been changed. We intend to prorogue today and begin a new session tomorrow.

Anyhow, Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the following fact to the attention of the House: We have answered 1,761 of 2,003 questions, that is an 87.9 per cent ratio, which is excellent. And, Mr. Speaker, I will add that following the instruction which I gave to my staff this morning to answer as many questions as possible, I received the list of answers only some 20 minutes ago.

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[English]

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

CONCURRENCE IN FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River) moved that the Fifth Report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments, presented to the House on Wednesday, June 28, 1978, be concurred in.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I think it is a very good time at the end of this rather lackadaisical session of parliament, where the government has staggered from crisis to crisis, to deal with an issue which might well precipitate some form of renewed activity so that the public, and particularly the media, will know what parliament is doing. I hasten to say that I am not being partisan in making that statement. I have the highest