

Questions

70.6 million pounds of butter oil were exported. In addition, each year the dairy support program was designed, among other things, to promote a better balance between supply and demand.

4. The dairy support program is a matter of government policy and as such will be announced some time prior to the start of the new dairy support year, which is 1 April 1966.

ATOMIC ENERGY PLANT, QUEBEC

Question No. 477—**Mr. Vincent:**

1. Has a study been made by Atomic Energy of Canada and Quebec Hydro of the possibility of building an atomic plant in Quebec?

2. If so (a) is this study being made jointly or separately (b) what will be (i) the cost of building such a plant (ii) the site or sites which would be favourable to such a plant (c) what would be the basis of financial negotiations for such a project, should an agreement be reached between Quebec Hydro and Atomic Energy of Canada (d) have options on lots been taken to date in the Province of Quebec with a view to this project?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): 1. The study is being carried on at present.

2. (a) Jointly. (b) (i) not yet determined; (ii) not yet approved. (c) It is contemplated that Atomic Energy of Canada Limited would construct the plant at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited expense on a site to be provided by Hydro-Quebec, that Hydro-Quebec would operate the plant and purchase from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited the electricity produced and that after the plant had operated satisfactorily for a period, Hydro-Quebec would purchase the plant at a price to be agreed. (d) The acquisition of the site would be the responsibility of Hydro-Quebec.

*PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY

Question No. 479—**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):**

What is the expected date of completion of the Prince Edward Island causeway?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): It is impossible at this early date to forecast accurately when a project of this magnitude and complexity will be completed. However, with maximum progress this project could be completed in late 1970.

Mr. Knowles: That is after the next election.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO QUEBEC FARMERS

Question No. 490—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. Has the federal government been called upon by the government of Quebec to contribute to payments to farmers of that Province, for losses they [Mr. Greene.]

have suffered due to bad weather, from July 1, 1964 to May 15, 1965?

2. If so, what was the government's reply?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): 1 and 2. Yes and the government has agreed, subject to parliamentary approval, to contribute one half of the costs of programs which provide assistance to Quebec farmers affected by adverse weather.

ASSISTANCE TO GOLD MINING INDUSTRY

Question No. 501—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. Is it the intention of the government to grant further assistance to the gold mining industry so as to provide for persons employed therein wages in line with those paid in other industries?

2. If so, (a) when (b) what form would such assistance take (c) on what basis would it be established?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): 1. The present term of the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act, under which the federal government provides assistance to the gold mining industry in Canada, expires at the end of 1967. The needs of the industry and of the persons employed in it will be thoroughly reviewed prior to the end of the present term of the act.

2. Answered by No. 1.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PAYMENTS TO CANADIAN FARMERS

Question No. 299—**Mr. Godin:**

In the years 1963, 1964, 1965, what amounts did the government pay to Canadian farmers (a) in contributions (b) allowances (c) subsidies, for (i) Canada as a whole (ii) the Province of Quebec, and (iii) Portneuf County?

Return tabled.

WINTER WORKS PROJECTS, CHAPLEAU COUNTY, QUE.

Question No. 305—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. Under the Winter Works Incentive Program for 1965-66, what projects have been accepted in the county of Chapleau?

2. What will each project cost?

3. What projects have been turned down and for what reasons?

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GOVERNMENT ACTION FOLLOWING PRICE INCREASE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of