

Questions

[English]

FACE VALUE OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS

Question No. 1,717—**Mr. Nesbitt:**

1. What is the face value of the commemorative postage stamp being issued on March 14, 1969?
2. How many stamps of this issue are being printed?
3. What is the price of each stamp to the general public?
4. Are orders being taken by the Post Office Department for these stamps and, if so, what price is being charged?
5. Is there any limit to the number of stamps of this issue that can be purchased by one customer?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: 1. The Aurele de Foy Suzor-Côté commemorative stamp has a face value of 50 cents.

2. Six million stamps of this issue were ordered, but with the usual overrun total printing should approximate 6,300,000 stamps.

3. 50 cents.

4. The Philatelic Service located at Headquarters accepts mail orders from stamp collectors and all sales both from post offices or the Philatelic Service are at the face value of the stamp.

5. There is no limit to the number of stamps of this issue that may be purchased in post offices by one customer. However, the Philatelic Service makes every effort to ensure that all collectors have an equitable opportunity to obtain each new issue stamp through its facilities and the Philatelic Service would not knowingly allow one collector to obtain excessive quantities of any new issue stamp before the stamp has been available to all collectors for a reasonable period of time.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITALS

Question No. 1,720—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. What amount has the Government of Canada contributed in each of the past ten years towards hospital renovation and expansion in the Province of Prince Edward Island?

2. Has the government advised the Prince Edward Island Government of its intention to discontinue such grants and, if so, what is the date of such discontinuance?

3. Has the Government of Prince Edward Island made representations on this matter and, if so, on what date?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): I am

[Mr. Groos.]

informed by the departments of National Health and Welfare and Finance as follows:

1. (a) Under the terms of the Hospital Construction Grants:

1958-59	\$141,713
1959-60	132,196
1960-61	169,579
1961-62	17,583
1962-63	133,667
1963-64	80,498
1964-65	38,554
1965-66	201,835
1966-67	197,730
1967-68	14,504
*1968-69	107,181

* as of February 15, 1969.

(b) Fiscal years 1959-60 to 1967-68 inclusive—Nil; Fiscal year 1968-69: A portion amounting to \$112,468 of a loan under the Municipal Development and Loan Act was forgiven under the terms of the Act.

2. (a) Yes, March 31, 1970; (b) March 31, 1966 was the last date on which new loans could be approved under the Municipal Development and Loan Act.

3. No.

RETIREMENTS FROM FORCES BECAUSE OF LINGUISTIC QUALIFICATIONS

Question No. 1,745—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Have there been any early retirements of members of the Canadian Forces because the individual was not bilingual and, if so, how many (a) officers (b) N.C.O.s. (c) men, were involved?

2. How many officers of the rank of Major and above are (a) bilingual (b) speak French only (c) speak English only?

3. Have any officers of the Canadian Forces been promoted over other officers because they were bilingual and, if so, how many and from what rank to what rank were they appointed and does their present employment necessitate the equal use of both the French and English languages and, if not, to what extent is the language required?

4. Have any members of the Canadian Forces been released from the services because of their refusal to learn (a) French (b) English?

5. Is bilingualism now a prerequisite to becoming an officer in the Canadian Forces and, if not, is there a program to provide French and/or English instruction to the applicant on admission to the Canadian Forces?

6. What was the cost of the bilingual program in the Canadian Forces in the year 1968 and what is the estimated cost for 1969?

Mr. D. W. Groos Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence: 1. None, insofar as compulsory releases are concerned. It is possible some who have left the