

Questions

6. During the calendar year 1953, the total cost of living bonus paid by the British Columbia provincial government to those in the 65 to 69 age group was \$643,398.89.

WHEAT SALES, 1951-1952

Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. What was the total amount of wheat sold by all elevator companies and licensed grain handlers from warehouses or terminal elevators, including sales for domestic purposes, during the crop year 1951-52?

2. Of such total what was the amount in each of the grades from No. 1 hard to feed wheat?

3. What was the amount of such sales which were listed as (a) tough, or (b) damp, giving the respective grades in each case from No. 1 hard to feed wheat?

Mr. Dickey:

1. Statistics are not kept on a basis which would provide an answer to this question.

2 and 3. See answer to No. 1.

INCOME TAX, 1945-53—QUEBEC

Mr. Boisvert:

What was the revenue collected in the province of Quebec with respect to the income tax from 1945 to 1953 inclusive (a) from individuals; (b) from corporations; (c) from the succession duty?

Mr. McCann: Tax collections in the province of Quebec by the taxation division of the Department of National Revenue:

Fiscal year ended 31st March	Income Tax		
	(a) Individuals	(b) Corporations	(c) Succession duties
1945	\$ 190,834,732	\$ 107,639,412	\$ 4,410,013
1946	174,654,743	72,989,429	4,568,285
1947	176,441,871	52,621,486	7,025,416
1948	172,258,565	107,480,594	7,807,023
1949	201,533,942	132,155,096	5,405,580
1950	146,300,694	178,763,722	9,093,781
1951	155,018,683	216,842,374	6,319,126
1952	236,480,799	344,175,722	6,818,068
1953	286,595,444	385,025,260	6,770,603

WHEAT STORAGE AT CHURCHILL, ETC.

Mr. Bryson:

1. How many bushels of wheat were held in store at the terminal elevator at Churchill, from November 1, to April 1, in the years 1952 and 1953?

2. What elevator companies shipped wheat to Churchill in the years 1952 and 1953?

3. What amount of money was earned by each company in the form of diversion charges?

Mr. Dickey:

1. As at April 1, 1952, 1,996,507·10 bushels; as at November 1, 1952, 2,047,897·30 bushels; as at April 1, 1953, 2,093,701·30 bushels; as at November 1, 1953, 2,516,299·00 bushels.

2. Year 1952: Canada West Grain Co. Ltd., Canadian Consolidated Grain Co. Ltd., Federal Grain Ltd., Inter-Ocean Grain Co. Ltd., McCabe Grain Co. Ltd., Lake of the Woods Milling Co. Ltd., National Grain Co. Ltd., Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd., Pioneer Grain Co. Ltd., Searle Grain Co. Ltd., Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers Ltd., Waskesiu Mills Ltd.

Year 1953: Same companies as above plus Ogilvie Flour Mills Ltd.

3. It is not the policy of the board to disclose the earnings of individual companies.

[Mr. Robertson.]

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—PROPOSALS BY WESTERN PROVINCES

Mr. Leboe:

1. Have any representations been made to the government from any source in the western provinces respecting the proposed St. Lawrence seaway?

2. If so, of what nature were such proposals?

3. Has the government considered any possible advantages to the western provinces in the construction of this seaway?

4. If so, what are these advantages?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspé):

1. Yes.

2. Several letters have been received from organizations and individuals in the western provinces and these correspondents have commended the government for acting on the St. Lawrence seaway and recommending that work be proceeded with at the earliest possible moment.

3. It is felt that this question is answered by the statement made in the House of Commons in 1951 on December 4 by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier), as follows:

As a matter of fact it is difficult to go very far in ranking the benefits to the various provinces in order of importance. Rather than argue about which will gain the most, let us look at what concrete opportunities will be opened up for each.

The prairies would find a substantial saving in the cost of moving grain, flour and other products to