

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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GORDON COMMISSION PRELIMINARY REPORT—
DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES

Question No. 83—Mr. Dufresne:

1. How many copies of the preliminary report of the royal commission on Canada's economic prospects were printed?
2. What is the price per copy?
3. How many copies were distributed free?
4. Are copies shipped the same day that orders are received?

Answer by: Hon. Roch Pinard (Secretary of State):

1. English edition, 10,000 copies; French edition, 2,500 copies.
2. \$2.
3. English edition, 900 copies; French edition, 334 copies.
4. After tabling in the House of Commons and stocks permitting, yes.

GORDON COMMISSION PRELIMINARY REPORT—
PRINTING COSTS

Question No. 84—Mr. Dufresne:

1. What was the cost of producing the printed copies of the preliminary report of the royal commission on Canada's economic prospects?
2. Has the government printing bureau a costing system similar to that used in commercial establishments?

Answer by: Hon. Roch Pinard (Secretary of State):

1. \$15,950.
2. Yes, similar to that prescribed for commercial establishments by the printing industry of America.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—PAYROLL STATISTICS

Question No. 86—Mr. Low:

1. How many employees are on the payroll of the Canadian wheat board?
2. What are the salaries paid to these employees?

Answer by: Mr. Dickey, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

The employees of the Canadian wheat board are not civil servants. They are employed by the board at salaries in line with those paid by other grain organizations. Publication of salaries paid to individual employees would therefore be prejudicial to the operation of the board.

The annual report of the wheat board for the crop year 1955-56 shows total salaries paid to board members, officers and staff of \$1,921,159.48 and the staff and officers as at July 31, 1956, totalled 723.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 102—Mr. Balcom:

1. What was the total value of the agricultural products produced in Nova Scotia for 1956?
2. Of this total, what was the value of: (a) the apple crop; (b) the egg production?

Answer by: Mr. Dickey, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

1. This information is not, as yet, available. The preliminary estimate of cash income from the sale of farm products for Nova Scotia for 1956 is \$44,746,000.

2. See answer to question 1. (a) Not separately classified. The preliminary estimates of farm cash income from the sale of fruits in Nova Scotia for the period January to September, 1956, is \$1,594,000. (b) The preliminary estimate of farm cash income from the sale of eggs for the period January to September, 1956, is \$4,867,000.

CANSO CAUSEWAY SHIPPING TONNAGE

Question No. 107—Mr. Balcom:

What volume of shipping (ships, tonnage) has passed through the locks of the Canso causeway, since its inception to and including December 31, 1956?

Answer by: Mr. Dickey, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

The volume of shipping which has passed through the locks of the Canso causeway since its inception (September 2, 1955) to and including December 31, 1956, is:

Number of vessels	3,904
Registered net tonnage	280,204
Cargo tonnage	81,494

POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION COSTS, JONQUIERE AND ARVIDA, QUE.

Question No. 114—Mr. Girard:

What amounts have been spent by the federal government for the construction of the post offices of Jonquiere and Arvida, respectively?

Answer by: Mr. Bourget, Parliamentary Assistant, for the Minister of Public Works:

Jonquiere federal building	\$425,157.74
Arvida federal building	238,835.89