

Questions

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Trade and Commerce as follows: 1. A meeting of interested parties was held in Winnipeg to discuss the establishment of a national grains council. No terms of reference were actually proposed to the meeting, however, a paper representing a consolidation of the views expressed by participants at the morning session was distributed during the afternoon session.

2. It is contemplated that the national grains council, when established, will choose the subjects it will examine and on which it will make recommendations.

3. Answered by 2.

4. Answered by 2.

5. Decisions on these matters have not yet been reached.

***C.M.H.C. LOAN TO QUEBEC HOUSING CORPORATION**

Question No. 585—Mr. McCleave:

1. Has Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation agreed to make a loan to the Quebec Housing Corporation of the approximate order of \$140,000,000?

2. If so, on what authority, and on what conditions, if any?

3. Are similar terms available to other provincial government housing authorities or agencies?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer to parts 1 and 2 is as follows: By order in council dated April 25, 1968, passed under the National Housing Act approval was given to three agreements entered into by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Quebec Housing Corporation under which C.M.H.C. agreed to make loans not exceeding \$139,100,200 to Q.H.C. to assist in the financing of housing projects. The first agreement relates to housing projects undertaken by non-profit corporations (section 16A-NHA); the second to loans for the financing of public housing projects (section 35D-NHA); the third to loans for student housing projects (section 36B-NHA).

The agreements cover three programs to be undertaken in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1969 and require that each individual project be submitted to C.M.H.C. for determination of eligibility and loan amount.

[Mr. Gleave.]

The answer to the third part of the question is yes, in 1968. The policy in respect to future years will be announced following review of the report of the task force on housing and urban development.

EXPENDITURES OUTSIDE CANADA PROMOTING CANADIAN PORTS

Question No. 600—Mr. Forrestall:

1. Does the National Harbours Board spend funds for the purpose of promoting use of Canadian ports outside of Canada?

2. If so, how much has been spent in each of the last five years and in what way specifically was the money spent?

3. Are joint promotional programs entered into with individual port commissions or authorities?

4. If so, at what cost and with which ones during each of the past five years?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The National Harbours Board advises as follows: 1. A limited amount is spent on port promotion by advertising in foreign periodicals.

2. Cost of advertising in foreign periodicals for each of the past five years was as follows: 1963, \$790; 1964, \$790; 1965, \$1,681; 1966, \$1,987; 1967, \$3,607.

3. No.

4. See answer to part 3.

FEDERAL SUBSIDIES

Question No. 606—Mr. Harding:

1. What was the total amount paid by the Government of Canada in subsidies for the fiscal years 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69 (estimated)?

2. What was the amount of the subsidy paid under each of the eligible categories?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Of the many possible definitions of the term "subsidy", the national income accounts concept covers the most widely accepted definition of the term, and has been used in preparing the answer.

1. Fiscal year	Total subsidies paid by government of Canada (\$ millions)
1965-66	270
1966-67	381
1967-68	395
1968-69 (estimate)	415