

**Loans Approved for Residential  
Rehabilitation Assistance, NHA, Section 34.1,  
Rural Areas, Quebec, 1976**

Municipal County	Number of Units	Amount \$000
Abitibi	56	233
Chicoutimi	7	17
Deux-Montagnes	1	3
Dorchester	15	63
Gatineau	21	111
Labelle	13	53
Lac St-Jean West	9	36
Pontiac	66	329
Saguenay	25	139
Yamaska	12	84

Data are preliminary to October 31.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION—OVERPAYMENTS

**Question No. 509—Mr. Huntington:**

1. Did the Department of Manpower and Immigration in 1975, identify 96,000 cases of UIC overpayments in their post audit programme, which resulted in 1,800 prosecutions of claimants for \$340,000 in fines and a number of jail terms and, if so, what action was taken against the other 94,200 claimants who received overpayments?

2. Were such overpayments paid back to the government and, if not, for what reason?

3. What was the total amount of overpayments to claimants in (a) 1974 (b) 1975?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** 1. No. As a result of the 1975 post audit, 13,003 overpayments were established. Two hundred and sixty-two of these resulted in prosecutions initiated through the courts and records of the penalties imposed by the courts as a result of post audits are not maintained by the commission. However, there were 6,550 fines totalling \$541,808 imposed under section 47 of the Unemployment Insurance Act by the commission. Collection action has been taken against all overpayments identified.

2. Separate records of the amounts collected on overpayments accounts established through post audits are not maintained. The post audit programme is one of several currently used to identify overpayment accounts. The collection records are not established to reflect the programme which identified the overpayment.

3. (a) 1974—\$39,879,600; (b) 1975—\$48,217,000.

POST OFFICE REGIONAL OFFICES

**Question No. 607—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

1. (a) How many regional offices are maintained by the Post Office Department (b) where is each located (c) for what area is each responsible?

2. On what date was each established and with how many personnel?

3. What is the present personnel strength of each office?

4. In addition to regional offices, are district or other sub-offices maintained and, if so (a) in what locations (b) how many?

5. Are the duties performed by those manning the regional and/or district offices line functions, in the chain of command from Ottawa to the operator in

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the field, or do they have other functions to perform and, if so, what are such functions?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General):** 1. (a) 4; (b) Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver; (c) Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Western respectively.

2. Atlantic region—Established July, 1970 with one regional general manager. Quebec region—Established October, 1970 with one regional general manager and an assistant. Ontario region—Established January, 1970 with one regional general manager and an assistant. Western region—Established January, 1971 with one regional general manager.

3. Atlantic, 71; Ontario, 93; Quebec, 136; Western, 105.

4. District offices are maintained within each region as follows: (a) Atlantic region: Halifax, Saint John, New Brunswick, St. John's, Nfld.; Quebec region: Quebec City, Province of Quebec Montreal (2 offices); Ontario region: Toronto, London, Ottawa, North Bay; Western region: Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Vancouver. (b) 14.

5. Yes, but some of the personnel also provide necessary support services to line management at local levels, some of which was previously supplied from Ottawa headquarters.

STATISTICS FOR DAMAGE TO PARCELS

**Question No. 629—Mr. Dinsdale:**

What are the statistics for damage to parcels in each of the automated postal terminals for each of the five years (a) prior to (b) since automation?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General):** Parcel damage statistics maintained by the Post Office do not designate the location where the damage occurred. Often this is impossible to ascertain. The parcel may have been processed through several plants and carried by various modes of transportation, yet damage, if any, may not be evident until opened on delivery by the addressee.

FINANCIAL POSITIONS OF NATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNING BODIES

**Question No. 644—Mr. Beatty:**

1. Is the government aware of the financial positions of the national governing bodies of any sports in Canada and, if so, which ones?

2. In each case, what is the (a) size of the present surplus or deficit (b) anticipated surplus or deficit for the end of the current fiscal year (c) date on which the fiscal year ends?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. The Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare provides contributions on a project basis to approximately 70 national sports governing bodies for the implementation of programs. (See table below.) Such contributions are governed by terms and conditions which require submission of audited financial statements or auditable materials specifically in respect of these contributions. It is not a prerequisite for any contribution to a project that the recipient provide full financial disclosure of all its financial affairs.