

### Order Paper Questions

2. There is no indication of a morale problem in the RCMP in the Toronto area.

#### OAS—SPOUSE'S ALLOWANCE

##### Question No. 1,971—Mr. Knowles:

1. In each month during 1980, how many persons were in receipt of the spouse's allowance provided under the Old Age Security Act and how many were (a) male (b) female?

2. In each month during 1980, what was the average amount paid to the younger spouse where both spouses were alive and what was the average amount paid to the surviving spouse where the older spouse had died?

**Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1 and 2. Please see list below.

#### Number of Persons in Receipt of the Spouse's Allowance Provided Under the Old Age Security Act

	1. Number of Spouse's Allowance Recipients	2. Average Amount Paid to Each Spouse's Allowance Recipient
January, 1980	79,071	\$164.09
February	80,350	168.82
March	81,024	168.54
April	71,016	170.90
May	75,562	162.16
June	80,122	163.91
July	82,571	181.27
August	83,095	180.16
September	83,563	178.40
October	83,497	185.32
November	83,957	186.48
December	84,333	186.10

NOTE: 1 (a) and (b). Information to indicate the sex of spouse's allowance recipients is not available on a regular basis. However, information compiled for the month of June, 1980 only, indicates there were 6,834 male and 73,288 female recipients of the spouse's allowance.

2. The average amount paid to spouse's allowance recipients is not available broken down to show average amount paid to the younger spouse when both spouses were alive and surviving spouse where the older spouse had died.

#### CNR PENSION FUNDS

##### Question No. 1,982—Mr. Knowles:

1. What was the total amount on the books of the pension funds of the Canadian National Railways as at December 31 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

2. What rate of interest was earned on such funds during (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

3. What amount of interest was credited to the funds during the year ended December 31 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

4. What amount was added to the funds from employee contributions during the year ended December 31 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

5. What amount was added to the funds as regular or current contributions by the Canadian National Railways during the year ended December 31 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

6. What amount was added to the funds in any other way by the Canadian National Railways during the year ended December 31 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

7. Is money owed to the above funds by the Canadian National Railways and, if so, how much and what arrangements are being made to meet such debt?

8. What was the total amount paid from the above funds in pensions during the year ended December 31 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980?

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

1. (a) \$1,815,514,274;

(b) 2,073,487,974;

(c) 2,419,762,284.

2. To calculate the yield we have used the Statistics Canada formula, under which the investment is deemed to be opening investments plus closing investments, less earnings, divided by two. On this basis, the yield is:

(a) 7.89 per cent;

(b) 11.22 per cent;

(c) 12.75 per cent.

3. (a) \$128,113,932;

(b) 201,508,600;

(c) 264,587,072.

Net

4. (a) \$56,619,429;

(b) 64,522,094;

(c) 69,582,060.

5. (a) \$135,637,393;

(b) 139,664,761;

(c) 141,201,135.

6. (a) \$20,050,500;

(b) 45,751,900;

(c) 41,741,700.

7. At December 31, 1980, Canadian National Railways owed \$6,573,652 representing December items. This amount was paid in January, 1981.

8. (a) \$140,376,729;

(b) 155,402,954;

(c) 169,429,815.

#### BANANAS

##### Question No. 2,060—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Is the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce taking special steps to promote the quantity of bananas imported annually?

2. Are any agencies, such as the National Research Council, at the request of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, studying the question as to whether bananas could be grown in large quantities in Canada in artificially created climatical conditions with the use of such things as solar energy?

3. Is it the policy of the government by promoting the growth and importation of bananas that Canada become known at some future date as the world's largest banana republic?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1. No.