

## Questions

## RELEASE OF K. H. KIRK FROM NAVY

Question No. 493—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Has PIWS2 Kenneth H. Kirk been released from the Royal Canadian Navy?
2. If so, was Mr. Kirk given an opportunity to be heard concerning his release?
3. If Mr. Kirk was not given such an opportunity, will the Minister of National Defence direct that he be given a full hearing?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** 1. Yes.

2. Yes.
3. Not applicable.

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TOBACCO GROWERSQuestion No. 520—**Mr. Madill:**

1. Has representation been made to the government by the tobacco growers of Central Ontario giving a survey of their losses incurred by frost damage on August 29, 1965?
2. Will extended credit be given to these tobacco farmers who have suffered losses and need credit for 1966?
3. Will crop insurance be available to these tobacco growers for 1966?

**Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture):** 1. Representation on behalf of tobacco growers in central Ontario was received but no crop loss survey data supplied.

2. Where an individual farmer who ordinarily meets his commitments to the Farm Credit Corporation satisfactorily suffers a loss of income through circumstances beyond his control to the extent that he cannot make his payment without hardship, the corporation will consider a request to defer such payment.

Farm improvement loans are administered by the banks and there are provisions for re-arrangement of repayment terms where such action is warranted.

3. Since actual crop insurance programs are developed under provincial jurisdiction, any decision to make such insurance available for tobacco crops in 1966 will be made by the provincial government.

## COST OF CONSTRUCTING CARGO SHIPS

Question No. 535—**Mr. Howard:**

1. Does the government have any (a) specific knowledge or (b) any means of estimating the cost, in Canadian dollars, of building cargo ships in other countries?

[Miss LaMarsh.]

2. If so, what is the cost in Canadian dollars by (a) specific knowledge or (b) an estimate of building (i) 10,000 ton cargo ships, and (ii) 20,000 ton cargo ships in each of the countries of Canada, Japan, United Kingdom and Sweden?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):**

1. (a) The government does have specific knowledge of the cost of building cargo ships in other countries secured through the co-operation of other governments.

2. (a) The information available to the Department of Industry has been secured from confidential foreign government sources. Under the circumstances it would not be in the public interest to publicize such information. (b) However in general terms we can state that of the four countries mentioned Canadian costs appear highest. United Kingdom and Swedish costs correspond approximately to one another. Japanese costs appear the lowest.

EXPENDITURES ON NAVIGATION AIDS,  
LAKE WINNIPEGQuestion No. 573—**Mr. Stefanson:**

1. How much money was spent for the aids to navigation program for lake Winnipeg and adjoining rivers and lakes for the fiscal year 1965-66, listing projects and locations?

2. How much money is allocated for this program for the fiscal year 1966-67, listing proposed projects and locations?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. During the fiscal year 1965-66 \$28,264 was spent for the aids to navigation program for Lake Winnipeg and adjoining lakes and rivers as per the list hereunder:

(1) Red River Range—W & T FA-240 range lanterns were installed in the upper and lower lights replacing the old galvanized iron case type lantern. Repairs to the lower light tower were also carried out; these included repairs to the balcony, a new landing platform and sway bracing on the pile foundation.

(2) Winnipeg Beach Range—W & T FA-240 range lanterns were installed on new galvanized steel towers, replacing wooden poles and galvanized iron boxes. Red and white fibreglass daymarks replaced small wooden ones and the rear tower was also moved back to improve range.

(3) Red River Mouth Lighted Buoy—A two foot pipe extension was placed on the structure to improve visibility.