

Inquiries of the Ministry

shortly. The very important question which has been raised by the hon. member is one of those that we will be discussing this afternoon. We are giving consideration to our policy in this regard, and when a decision is reached it will be announced in the house. I hope it will not be long now.

Mr. Langlois: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Prime Minister let us know tomorrow if there is any change as a result of the meeting this afternoon with the national farmers union?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, it may take us longer than one day to give consideration to the representations we will hear this afternoon.

ARDA—PROJECTS APPROVED IN ONTARIO
AND QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry of which I have given him notice. Will the minister tell the house how many ARDA projects to date have been approved by the present administration in the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. The answer is—and our record is quite good—that from April 8, 1963 to date 120 projects have been approved in Quebec with the federal share of the cost being \$5,600,000. In Ontario 50 projects have been approved with the federal share being \$2,900,000. Under the previous administration the number of projects in Quebec was 38 with the federal share being \$600,000, while in Ontario the number was nil.

SIR WILFRED GRENFELL

SUGGESTED COMMEMORATION OF WORK
IN NEWFOUNDLAND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. R. Granger (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister if he is aware that yesterday was the anniversary of the birthday of Sir Wilfred Grenfell and whether the government will do something to commemorate his great work in Newfoundland and Labrador?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am aware of that fact. I thought he was born on February 29, which makes it a little difficult to celebrate his birth-

[Mr. Pearson.]

day. I feel that this very great man should be honoured in an appropriate way, perhaps by the issue of a stamp.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NORTH VIET NAM—CANADIAN PERSONNEL
WITH TRUCE COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. How many Canadian personnel of the truce commission are at present stationed in North Viet Nam and what reduction, if any, in their numbers has taken place in the past three months?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, our delegation to the international supervisory commission in Viet Nam consists of about 75 Canadians, of whom up to 15 may now be in North Viet Nam. There is one Canadian doctor in Saigon with his wife and five children, and he is working there under an external aid contract. In addition there are about 125 resident Canadians, most of them missionaries, in South Viet Nam. Our delegation in Saigon maintains normal standing plans, however, for an emergency. The resident Canadian community is provided for under the plans of the British embassy in Saigon. The department, of course, is in continuous contact with our commissioner there should the need arise for removing dependants.

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, I am afraid the minister did not understand my question. I asked how many Canadian personnel on this commission are stationed in North Viet Nam and what reduction, if any, has taken place in their numbers during the past three months.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I misunderstood my hon. friend. There are normally about 15, but with the removal of a number of people from the team sites this has been reduced. However, the members of the commission itself move from Saigon to Hanoi. There will be a movement this week from Saigon to Hanoi and this may increase the number by possibly three.

Mr. Harkness: Then do I understand that there are no Canadian personnel regularly stationed in North Viet Nam at the present time?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): No, there is always a representative of the commission it-