

Inquiries of the Ministry

I should also tell the house that the question of extending the present course to four years is being constantly and fully looked into. Besides, as I said a moment ago, I intend to give the house a report as complete as possible in the near future.

AGRICULTUREDISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLET RESPECTING
REHABILITATION LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Samuel Boulanger (Drummond-Arthabaska): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the minister inform us when he distributed the A.R.D.A. pamphlet and whether he has sent a copy to all the members?

(Text):

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there has been no planned pattern of distribution. I sent copies to the various ministers of agriculture across Canada and to the heads of farm organizations as a basis on which they could make comments when I had my usual contact with them before second reading of the bill was moved. In the pamphlet it says that if further copies are requested they can be secured from the Canada Department of Agriculture. I should like to point out that not only the farm organizations but provincial governments as well have asked for them, including the government of Saskatchewan, which has asked for 2,500 copies.

(Translation):

Mr. Boulanger: Mr. Speaker, I must point out to the minister that nearly three weeks have now elapsed since I wrote asking for this pamphlet which I have not yet been able to obtain.

I should also like to ask the minister whether this particular pamphlet was published in French.

(Text):

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Yes, they will be published in the French language.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to ask a supplementary question. Would the Minister of Agriculture indicate whether he also circulated the bill in the same manner?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The letter I sent to the ministers in the various provinces included a copy of the bill and a copy of the pamphlet, with a request that they study them so that when we met there would be some basis for discussion.

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): Can the minister inform the house how many copies of the pamphlet have been printed?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): I do not know, but I will take the question as notice.

[Mr. Seigny.]

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): May I ask a supplementary question. Can the minister advise the house what was the cost of printing and circulating these pamphlets?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): I will be glad to take the question as notice.

(Translation):

HARBOURSMONTREAL—REPORTAL DENIAL OF ACCESS
TO DOCKS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): A question was asked on April 17 by the hon. member for Maisonneuve-Rosemont concerning the cancellation of restrictions placed upon persons who like to go fishing in the Montreal harbour.

I am advised by the national harbours board that its regulations prohibit entering upon its premises without proper authorization. Such prohibition is necessary so that harbour operations may go unhampered and that the public may be protected against dangers it might run against in harbour areas.

The board points out that it does not intend to thwart the legitimate eagerness of anglers provided that the spirit of the regulations be respected.

(Text):

INQUIRY FOR RETURN

FEDERAL ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES, 1960

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): Yesterday the hon. member for Fort William inquired as to when he could expect an answer to his question No. 132, which was passed as an order for return on March 22. The officials of my department communicated with the several departments still outstanding and I can inform the hon. member that I hope the return will be tabled shortly.

SASKATCHEWANRESERVATION OF LEGISLATION—REQUEST FOR
TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the Prime Minister whether he will table the report from the lieutenant governor of Saskatchewan and any other relevant documents on the reservation of Bill 56 of the legislature of that province.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I see no objection to that. However, before agreeing to do so I should ascertain whether, in the past, it has been