

## Questions

Credit Corporation to the provincial counties of (a) Joliette, (b) L'Assomption, (c) Montcalm, (d) Chicoutimi?

**Mr. Beer:** The Farm Credit Corporation reports that the number of loans approved for the following municipal counties is as follows:

	1962-63	1963-64
(a) Joliette	13	17
(b) L'Assomption	3	5
(c) Montcalm	1	2
(d) Chicoutimi	16	18

**\*NATIONAL FLAG—REQUESTS FOR RETENTION OF RED ENSIGN**

**Question No. 667—Mr. Coates:**

What is the total number of signatures affixed to letters and petitions received since September 5, 1945 by the Secretary of State's office urging the retention of the red ensign as Canada's national flag?

**Mr. Stewart:** 98,798 signatures.

**GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT**

**Question No. 669—Mr. Marcoux:**

1. What was the gross national product for the years 1925, 1935, 1945, 1955 and 1963?

2. For each of those years, what was the net amount of dividends paid to foreign shareholders?

[Translation]

**Answer:** 1 and 2.

	Gross national product (in millions of dollars)	Dividends*
1925	(1)	(1)
1926	5,152	95
1935	4,315	115
1945	11,835	120
1955	27,132	356
1962	40,401	496
1963	(2)	525

(1) Figures previous to 1926 not available.

(2) Figures for 1963 available about April 17, 1964.

\*Net dividends are the dividends paid to foreign shareholders after deducting tax deducted at the source.

[Text]

**METHOD OF ESTIMATING UNEMPLOYED**

**Question No. 679—Mr. Horner (Jasper-Edson):**

Have any changes been made in recent months in the method or manner of estimating the number of unemployed in Canada and, if so, what are they?

**Answer:** No changes have been made in recent months in the basic method of estimating the number of unemployed in Canada. However, a revised sample, of improved design, using the latest information on popu-  
[Mr. Pigeon.]

lation distributions, is in course of preparation for use in the labour force survey. It will be introduced progressively, province by province, as the revised sample for each province is completed. The revised sample will not involve any change in the wording of the questionnaire used or in the enumeration procedures followed. A revised sample for Alberta was completed last November and field trials have been carried out since that time. This revised Alberta sample was brought into use for the March 1964 survey.

**\*SPACE RENTED IN TERON BUILDING, OTTAWA**

**Question No. 683—Mr. Marcoux:**

1. Is office space rented by the government or by a crown corporation in the Teron building, corner of Elgin and Nepean streets, Ottawa and, if so, what is the total area of the building in question?

2. What is the total area rented by the government or crown corporation?

3. What is the yearly rental?

4. What is the term of the lease?

5. Who is the owner?

6. If the owner is a corporation, what are the names and addresses of the directors?

[Translation]

**Mr. Deschatelets:** 1. Yes, the building has a total floor area of 30,054 square feet. (Note: Known as the Humson building, it is situated at 180 Elgin st., in Ottawa, and was built by Teron Construction).

2. The net total area rented is 16,521 square feet.

3. The rent is \$57,823.50 per year.

4. From March 1964 to January 31, 1969 with an option to renew for a further period of two years.

5. Mr. Thomas L. Hum.

6. Not applicable.

[Text]

**QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION, PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Question No. 98—Mr. Smith:**

1. Broken down into departments of government, what is the total number of persons employed in information or public relations divisions of the public service of Canada?

2. What is the total salaries paid to such persons in each of the departments?

3. Broken down into departments of government, what is the total expenditure of such divisions in advertising, films, and in other forms of paid publicity?

Return tabled.

**THEFTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM NATIONAL DEFENCE PROPERTIES**

**Question No. 191—Mr. Churchill:**

What items and quantities of military equipment, exclusive of arms and ammunition, have been stolen