

Order Paper Questions

of the Liberal party (b) members of the Progressive Conservative party?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): (a) Liberal party, \$106,692,373; (b) Progressive Conservative Party, \$59,552,779.

MILK SUBSIDY

Question No. 51—Mr. Cossitt:

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 3,361 of the First Session of the 29th Parliament that the earliest date that milk powder prices could be expected to be reduced and contained was October 15, 1973, for what reason have Dominion Stores Limited in Brockville, Ontario been selling such milk at 25 cents per quart package for some months which is considerably more than was being charged by the same company on September 4, 1973 when the subsidy was announced?

2. Is the government planning to take some action in regard to the fact that Dominion Stores Limited in Brockville, Ontario have raised the cost of powdered milk instead of either decreasing or reducing the price level as a result of the government subsidy and, if so, what will be the nature of this action and when will it be taken?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): It is assumed the quart package in question is a four-ounce package of Carnation Instant Skim Milk Powder. Prior to October 15, 1973 there was no control on skim milk powder prices at the retail level. On October 15, 1973 Carnation Company Limited reduced its wholesale price by four cents on a four-ounce package of skim milk in accordance with the agreement and this reduction was to be passed on to the consumer. The four-ounce package which was selling for 25 cents prior to October 15, 1973 in Dominion Stores, Brockville, Ontario is selling at 21 cents.

CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES IN SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 72—Mr. Cossitt:

1. How many post offices have been closed by the government in the Province of Saskatchewan since April 20, 1968?

2. In what municipality and in what electoral district are each of these post offices located?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): 1. April 1968—September 1970, 199; October 1970—present, 8. The program to close small post offices ended in September 1970. Closings since that date are due to factors such as inauguration letter carrier or rural delivery to meet public request, amalgamation of communities, dwindling populations, inability to recruit replacement on death or retirement of former postmaster, etc.

2. Meadow Lake, 42; Regina-Lake Centre, 9; Mackenzie, 27; Prince Albert, 30; Saskatoon-Biggar, 13; Battleford-Kindersley, 27; Moose Jaw, 6; Yorkton-Melville, 17; Saskatoon-Humboldt, 16; Regina East, 5; Assiniboia, 2; Swift Current-Maple Creek, 3; Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain, 10. It is not possible without going to a very large expense, to include the municipalities of each closed post office. Many former offices are located in unincorporated areas and do not belong to any municipality. Many townships have been amalgamated with other municipalities and now come under one government.

[Mr. Cossitt.]

FOREIGN LOANS CANCELLED SINCE 1964

Question No. 135—Mr. Laprise:

For each year since 1964, how many loans to foreign countries were cancelled, what are the names of each country involved and what was the amount in each case?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): None.

DELAY OF CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION IN SENDING COPIES OF ORDERS TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 219—Mr. Forrestall:

1. Is it the policy of the Canadian Transport Commission to delay sending Members of Parliament information copies of orders made by that Commission respecting decisions falling within their respective federal electoral constituencies for a period of 21 days after such decisions and orders have been made?

2. Is this practice supported by regulations of the Commission and, if so, on whose authority were such regulations made and on what date were such regulations formulated?

3. Is this practice supported by the responsible minister?

4. If such is not a matter of policy, for what reason was decision number R-17686, being ordered November 21, 1973 not sent to the responsible Member of Parliament until December 13, 1973?

5. With respect to order R-17686, on what dates were (a) the province of Nova Scotia (b) the city of Dartmouth (c) the Canadian National Railways (d) Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Ltd. (e) the Nova Scotia Power Corporation informed officially of the decision taken on November 21, 1973, by the responsible Commission?

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: 1, 2 and 3. When information copies of orders of the Canadian Transport Commission are forwarded to Members of Parliament, as a courtesy, they are dispatched at the same time as to interested parties.

4 and 5. In the normal course, orders of the Railway Transport Committee of the Commission are dispatched within three days to a week of the date of the order. In this instance certain administrative processes led to a considerable delay, which is regretted, between the date of the order and its dispatch. Copies of Order No. R-17686, dated November 21, 1973, were mailed to all nine parties, including those specified by the Member of Parliament, and the Member of Parliament, on December 13, 1973.

OPENING OF CITIZENS INQUIRY CENTRE IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BY INFORMATION CANADA

Question No. 321—Mr. MacLean:

Is Information Canada opening a Citizens Inquiry Centre in Prince Edward Island and, if so (a) where will it be located (b) how many full-time employees will be employed (c) will a bookstore be operated in conjunction with this new Citizens Inquiry Centre?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): In so far as Information Canada is concerned, the answers are as follows: Yes. (a) Charlottetown; (b) three; (c) no.