

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

SKIM MILK POWDER FLOOR PRICE

Question No. 49—Mr. Martin (Essex East):

1. Has the government received representations from any groups or association to review the decision to decrease the floor price of roller and spray skim milk powder?

2. If so, what reply has the government made to these representations?

Answer by: Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Yes.

2. It was pointed out that during the past year milk powder production in Canada had increased by approximately 60 per cent over the previous year, which indicated that the price of 17 cents per pound was an incentive to production and that some downward adjustment was necessary to balance supply with possible disposal, and that despite the lower price support for dry skimmed milk the dairy farmers' position would be better than in the earlier part of 1957 due to the increase of 6 cents per pound from 58 cents to 64 cents in the price support on butter.

POTATOES—FLOOR PRICE, ESSEX AND KENT COUNTIES

Question No. 75—Mr. Martin (Essex East):

Has the agricultural prices stabilization board received a request from the potato growers of Essex and Kent counties that their produce be put under the Agricultural Stabilization Act for purposes of having a floor price applied to potatoes?

Answer by: Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture):

An inquiry has been received from the Kent and Elgin potato co-operative asking if the early potato crop in southwestern Ontario was eligible for assistance under the stabilization act and also requesting information as to procedure to be followed to obtain price assistance.

POSTAL SERVICE—COST ASCERTAINMENT STUDIES

Question No. 149—Mr. Benidickson:

1. When did the cost ascertainment section of the post office make its last studies to determine the financial position respecting the handling of various classes of mail?

2. What was the section's last estimate of profit or loss for handling each class of mail?

3. Did the last cost ascertainment specially evaluate the probable profit or loss of handling second class mail printed in the United States of America?

4. If so, what were the conclusions?

Answer by: Hon. W. M. Hamilton (Postmaster General):

1. October 1955 and March 1956.

2. See statement below marked "A".

3. No.

4. See answer to No. 3.

(A)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Cost ascertainment estimate of profit or loss for handling each class of mail—Fiscal year 1955-56

	Volume pieces	Revenue cents per piece	Expenditure cents per piece	Profit cents per piece	Loss cents per piece
First class ordinary.....	1,680,749,256	5.18	3.10	2.08	
Air mail—domestic.....	17,348,346	11.40	10.73	.67	
—foreign.....	28,937,646	19.81	19.45	.36	
—parcel post.....	143,019	113.01	238.44		125.43
Second class—transient.....	18,051,134	5.25	11.09		5.84
—publishers.....	537,610,208	1.12	4.32		3.20
Third class—householders.....	183,902,320	1.52	1.62		.10
—addressed circulars.....	693,805,254	2.07	1.90	.17	
—other.....	66,348,465	4.89	5.77		.88
Fourth class—domestic.....	77,289,706	23.50	22.61	.89	
—foreign.....	1,264,593	327.20	319.84	7.36	