

Order Paper Questions

- (a) 16,068.448 m² of owned building space all occupied.
 (b) 6,343,769.4 m² of rented building space all occupied.

In so far as Public Works Canada is concerned: As at March 31, 1979, with respect to accommodation under the jurisdiction of Public Works Canada:

- (a) Total Crown-owned accommodation: 5,598,547 m²
 Total Crown-owned accommodation: 644,684 m²
 (not occupied)
 (b) Total Crown-leased accommodation: 2,512,740.8 m²
 Total Crown-leased accommodation: 58,497.6 m²
 (not occupied)

NOTE: The 644,684 square metres of Crown-owned space not occupied on March 31, 1979, consisted of the following: 455,696 square metres of non-marketable space, i.e., space under active consideration for disposal, space in locations where no market existed, space in buildings undergoing major renovations, etc. 123,529 square metres were assigned to client departments and action was underway to prepare lay-outs and fit up the space for occupancy. The balance of 65,459 square metres was the vacant marketable space at that time representing a vacancy rate of 1.2 per cent of the total Crown-owned inventory. The 58,497 square metres of leased space not occupied on March 31, 1979, included 8,954 square metres in space for which a federal government use no longer existed and where practical efforts were being made to negotiate quit leases with the landlords concerned. Of the remaining 49,544 square metres, 42,332 square metres had been assigned to client departments and action was under way to prepare lay-outs and fit up the space for occupancy. The remaining 7,212 square metres represents the vacant marketable space at that time which represents a vacancy rate of 0.3 per cent of the total Crown leased inventory at that time.

FIRST CLASS MAIL STICKERS

Question No. 248—**Mr. Herbert:**

- Did the government discontinue the printing of the maple leaf emblem on the green first class mail stickers and, if so, for what reason?
- Is it intended to replace the emblem with another indication of the country of origin?

Miss Aileen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General): 1. Yes. Originally these stickers had an "old style" maple leaf with the appropriate text on either side in a symmetrical design. With the introduction of the corporate identity and federal identity programs, these "public use" forms were some of the first redesigned. Design consultants to Canada Post provided an asymmetrical design utilizing the earlier text and the "bar and leaf". After those stickers were in

use for about a year, Information Canada objected to the irregular use of the "bar and leaf" without the departmental identification "Canada Post—Postes Canada". A number of prototypes incorporating this additional text were tested but proved to be too complex. Returning to the original "leaf" either centred or in an asymmetrical design was rejected by Information Canada. The only alternative then was to print the stickers without the "bar and leaf" or "leaf". Printing only the text allowed the sticker to be reduced in size, achieving some economies.

2. It is not the intention of Canada Post to replace the emblem with another indication of the country of origin.

CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION—MIDDLE EAST

Question No. 262—**Mr. Herbert:**

- Did the Minister of State for International Trade receive a letter dated June 14, 1979, from the chairman of the Canadian Construction Association in which it was stated, regarding the proposed move of the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem, "The hidden cost is the number of business people who will now hesitate to seek out work in that area. The hidden costs of the proposed move, therefore, are substantially above the visible costs"?
- Did the Canadian Construction Association estimate the value of current construction activity in the Middle East at approximately \$2.5 billion, not including the Bell Canada contract?
- Did the minister reply to the letter and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State, Trade): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1. The Hon. Michael Wilson, PC, MP, Minister of State for International Trade: Yes.

2. The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) estimated that the financial impact of the proposed embassy move on the construction industry was of \$2.479 billion. The CCA letter did not indicate whether the above figure included the Bell Canada contract.

3. On July 27, 1979, the Hon. Robert R. de Cotret, PC, MP, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce wrote to the CCA to inform that the government had appointed the Hon. R. L. Stanfield to undertake consultation with all of those who have an interest in government policy regarding the Jerusalem issue.

IMPORT OF CAPITAL INTO CANADA

Question No. 265—**Mr. Herbert:**

What was the (a) gross (b) net import of capital into Canada in each of the past ten years?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): Statistics Canada reports: Data are not available on disaggregation of capital transactions between gross and net flows. Flows related to Canadian assets abroad and Canadian liabilities to non-residents in the last ten years are given below.

Year	Capital Flows			Net errors and omissions ²
	Assets ¹	Liabilities	Net	
1970	-1,219	+500	-719	-387
1971	-1,747	+2,664	+917	-1,348
1972	-2,607	+4,448	+1,841	-1,455
1973	-5,545	+6,087	+542	-650
1974	-2,774	+5,101	+2,327	-867