

Questions

MILK DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOLS

Question No. 491—**Mr. Rondeau:**

1. Does the federal government assist any provinces in the distribution of free milk in schools and, if so, in which provinces?
2. What was the per capita figures of milk consumption in each province?
3. How many pounds of surplus butter does the federal government buy annually?

Mr. Hays: 1. No.

2. The per capita figures of milk consumption, in each province, as provided by the dominion bureau of statistics for 1962 is:

	Pints per diem
Prince Edward Island	1.00
Nova Scotia	0.69
New Brunswick	0.72
Quebec	0.82
Ontario	0.82
Manitoba	0.93
Saskatchewan	1.16
Alberta	0.81
British Columbia	0.66
Canada	0.82

3. Purchases and sales of butter during the period May 1 to April 30 for the dairy years indicated have been in

	Purchases	Sales	Difference
1958-59	72,966,653 lbs.	45,072,155 lbs.	27,894,498 lbs.
1959-60	74,570,888 lbs.	56,679,316 lbs.	17,891,572 lbs.
1960-61	76,015,753 lbs.	41,916,652 lbs.	34,104,101 lbs.
1961-62	101,320,765 lbs.	37,108,772 lbs.	64,211,983 lbs.
1962-63	81,695,766 lbs.	58,645,607 lbs.	23,050,069 lbs.
1963-64	*71,688,031 lbs.	*74,766,833 lbs.	**3,078,802 lbs.

*Estimated and includes fire loss of 3,750,000 lbs.

**Sales are estimated to exceed purchases.

WHARF CONSTRUCTION, STORMONT, N.S.

Question No. 493—**Mr. Coates:**

Is a wharf to be constructed at Stormont, Guysborough county, Nova Scotia and, if so, when will tenders be called?

Mr. Deschatelets: The department is presently investigating the provision of deep water wharf facilities in the Stormont area of country harbour. Surveys will be undertaken this spring to determine costs. When this information is available the department will decide if the construction of a wharf is justified.

WHARF TENDER, TOBERMORY, ONT.

Question No. 498—**Mr. Loney:**

1. Has the lowest tender quotation of \$2,291.30 by Percy Speers, Wiarton, Ontario (slip, ferry wharf, Tobermory, Bruce county Ontario), received final approval and, if so, at what date will construction of this project commence?

2. If final approval has not been given, what are the reasons for not accepting the lowest tender?

Mr. Deschatelets: 1. Yes. Construction is expected to commence the middle of April 1964.

2. Not applicable.

EXPENDITURES IN CANADA BY U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Question No. 506—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How much money was spent in Canada in each of the past three years by the United States [Mr. MacEachen.]

government through its department of health, education and welfare and agencies like the national institute of health in research in the natural and biological sciences?

2. Has the government any information as to plans by these American agencies to reduce these grants in the coming year?

Miss LaMarsh: 1 and 2. This information is not available.

SUGAR—STEPS TO REDUCE PRICE

Question No. 507—**Mr. Peters:**

To control and reduce the consumer price of sugar will the federal government consider (a) the establishment of an agency to acquire domestic sugar surplus from commonwealth countries on long term contracts (b) consider the establishment of a provincial-federal distribution agency to provide stable sugar prices to consumers (c) increase the subsidy to Canadian sugar beet producers?

Answer: For reasons which were indicated to the house on February 19, after there had been discussions with commonwealth and other producers the government concluded that it would not be in the interests of the Canadian consumer to enter into long term contract arrangements for supplies of sugar at that time. Since that time world sugar prices have been falling with an attendant decline in the price for refined sugar in Canada and the futures market forecasts still lower prices as the year progresses.

(a) The discussions with commonwealth producers did not disclose any surplus of sugar available to be acquired on long term contracts at advantageous prices.

(b) Stability of sugar prices in Canada is dependant upon stability of prices in the