

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:

TAX RENTAL AGREEMENT PAYMENTS

Question No. 82—Mr. Argue:

1. What was the amount of the payment to be made to each province under the tax rental agreement as estimated by the federal government in January, 1958?
2. What is the federal government's estimated payment to each province to be as of the present?
3. What is the difference in these two estimates for each province?

Answer by: **Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):**

1. On January 27, 1958 there was tabled in the house an illustrative table of the effect on the then current payments to the provinces of the increase in the standard individual income tax rate. This table was based on the latest estimates available for 1957-58 individual income tax collections, 1957 corporation profits, and the average of succession duties 1955-56 to 1957-58. It did not purport to be an estimate of payments for the 1958-59 fiscal year.

The illustrative table indicated that the provinces would have received the following payments in 1957-58 if the standard individual income tax rate had been 13 per cent and Atlantic provinces adjustment grants had been made:

(In thousands of dollars)

Newfoundland	\$ 25,214
Prince Edward Island	6,636
Nova Scotia	36,691
New Brunswick	30,990
Quebec	197,861
Ontario	238,326
Manitoba	35,755
Saskatchewan	36,552
Alberta	48,231
British Columbia	61,825

2. The estimated benefits to the provinces under the Federal-Provincial Tax-Sharing Arrangements Act (including the Atlantic provinces adjustment grant) for the fiscal year 1958-59 were as of February, 1959:

(In thousands of dollars)

Newfoundland	\$ 24,213
Prince Edward Island	6,719
Nova Scotia	34,595
New Brunswick	29,518
Quebec	186,390
Ontario	227,850
Manitoba	33,202
Saskatchewan	33,885
Alberta	45,836
British Columbia	64,090

3. The above two sets of figures are not strictly comparable as the same standard tax rates are applied to different base years. The former indicates what the provinces might have received if the increased standard individual income tax rate and the Atlantic provinces adjustment grants had applied to the fiscal year 1957-58, and the latter indicates what the provinces are now eligible to receive under the same formula in the 1958-59 fiscal year.

FERRY SERVICE, PORTUGAL COVE-BELL ISLAND
NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 126—Mr. Argue:

1. Has the contract for the construction of a ferry to operate between Portugal Cove and Bell island, Newfoundland, provided for the 1958-59 estimates, been yet offered for tender?
2. If so, on what date?
3. Has the contract been awarded?
4. If so, (a) to what company and on what date; (b) what was the amount of its tender?
5. What other companies tendered for this contract, and what was the amount of each tender?
6. Is the vessel now under construction?
7. If not, when is construction to commence?

Answer by: **Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):**

- 1 and 2. Tenders were invited, the closing date being January 22, 1959.
3. No.
4. Answered by 3.
5. Tenders received and amounts shown hereunder:

Ferguson Industries Ltd., Pictou, N.S.	\$1,041,586.00
	1,098,839.00
	1,081,832.00
	1,122,290.00
	1,113,578.00
Halifax shipyards	\$1,104,078.00
	1,106,837.00
	1,116,148.00
	1,180,728.00
	1,072,354.00
Saint John Dry Dock Co. Ltd., Saint John, N.B.	\$1,266,660.00
	1,272,208.00
	1,279,526.00
	1,328,350.00
	1,332,811.00

6. No.
7. As soon as the contract is awarded.