

Orders for Returns

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): All immigrants to Canada are subject to checks and examinations to determine whether they come within any of the categories of prohibited persons described in the Immigration Act, including those pertaining to security. However, these checks and examinations are waived in the case of individuals such as minor children, wives of Canadian residents and aged parents unless there are reasons to believe that they should also be subjected to the more detailed type of check normally carried out. There is no way of determining how many immigrants may have been admitted where such detailed checks were not made.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS**RETIRED FEDERAL CIVIL SERVANTS PENSIONS—
WIDOWS PENSIONS****Question No. 65—Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. How many retired federal civil servants are receiving pensions, including their basic pensions and any supplement or supplements added thereto, of amounts within each of the following brackets: (a) less than \$20.00 per month (b) \$20.00 to \$29.99 per month (c) \$30.00 to \$39.99 per month (d) \$40.00 to \$49.99 per month (e) \$50.00 to \$59.99 per month (f) \$60.00 to \$69.99 per month (g) \$70.00 to \$79.99 per month (h) \$80.00 to \$89.99 per month (i) \$90.00 to \$99.99 per month (j) \$100.00 to \$149.99 per month (k) \$150.00 to \$199.99 per month (l) \$200.00 to \$249.99 per month (m) \$250.00 to \$299.99 per month (n) \$300.00 per month and over?

2. How many widows of civil servants or of retired civil servants are receiving pensions, including their basic pensions and any supplement or supplements added thereto, of amounts within each of the brackets indicated in the above question?

3. What is the number of retired civil servants and also the number of widows of civil servants or of retired civil servants presently residing in each province?

4. In respect of how many orphans of federal civil servants are pensions being paid and what is the average amount thereof?

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FARM ANNEX AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY**Question No. 202—Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. Has the government taken steps to close any parts or divisions of the farm annex at the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary and, if so, which parts or divisions, by name, have been closed and for what reason?

2. With respect to each such division for each of the past five years, is it considered that the operation thereof was profitable and, if so, what are the financial statistics with respect thereto?

3. For each of the past five years and for each of the commodities raised at the farm annex, to what extent has the cost of production been (a) above (b) below the market price?

4. Within the past five years, has any stock of cans been scrapped or discarded and, if so (a) how many such cans were discarded (b) what was the value thereof (c) what were the reasons for discarding them?

5. Within the past five years (a) were any commodities transported to any place for canning and, if so (i) which

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ones (ii) in what quantities (iii) at what cost (b) were they transported to any place from the point of canning and, if so (i) where (ii) at what cost?

6. Who did the canning referred to in part 5?

7. Is any acreage at the farm annex lying idle and, if so (a) what number of acres (b) for what reason?

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STORAGE OF GASOLINE AND OIL IN THE NORTH**Question No. 320—Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the federal government have any portable gasoline or oil tanks for use in the North?

2. What plan does the federal government have for storage of collapsible tanks for oil and fuel?

3. Will the federal government consider the feasibility of requiring the storage of gasoline and oil in collapsible storage tanks as a safety measure?

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Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, my starred question No. 12 has been on the order paper since October 8, along with 24 other questions I have on the order paper at the present time, none of which have been answered. Starred question No. 12 was on the order paper during the last session of Parliament as well. I see no reason for this long delay in answering the question. I would ask the hon. member to try to secure an answer for me.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, may I say that this year we have made every effort to keep a close check on questions and to determine, if questions are not answered, whether there is some reason for the delay. Several departments are involved at times when answers are compiled and we do try hard to keep on top of them. I will certainly take notice of the hon. member's remarks.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, starred question No. 80 was also put on the order paper on October 8. Starred questions should be answered fairly quickly. Starred question No. 80 was also on the order paper last session, having been placed there on February 20. It has now been on the order paper for nine months.

The question is a simple one. It asks the Minister without Portfolio responsible for Information Canada whether he would table in Parliament the background studies and consultant reports which were prepared by the task force on government information and by the Privy Council. If the answer is going to be no, then it does not take nine months to say no. If it is going to be yes, we should have had the answer by now. I would ask the minister to get busy on the job.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to answer a question that is within my power to answer, but this question should be directed to the Privy Council.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.