

Questions

Domestic Export
shipments shipments Total
(millions of bushels)

As shown in the following statement, sixty per cent of the loans and loan applications in British Columbia are in the interior of the province.

Quebec

Licensed capacity: 6.0

1959/60	....	15.4	10.0	25.4
1958/59	....	14.1	11.9	26.0
1957/58	....	10.6	11.6	22.2
1956/57	....	10.1	11.0	21.1
1955/56	....	9.8	15.7	25.5

	Lower Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, Pemberton and Coastal Area	Interior
Past: Loan accounts on books, March 1959	464	683
Current: New loans, 1959-60	63	93
Future: New applications, April 1960-Sept. 15, 1960	42	92

Baie Comeau

Licensed capacity: 11.9

1959/60	....	Nil	1.1	1.1
1958/59	....	"	Nil	Nil
1957/58	....	"	"	"
1956/57	....	"	"	"
1955/56	....	"	"	"

Nine of the corporations field offices in British Columbia are located in the interior of the province as compared to four in the Fraser Valley and Vancouver island. It is more advantageous and economical to super-
vise these from Kelowna than from New Westminster.

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION OFFICE MOVE, B.C.

Question No. 280—Mr. McLennan:

1. What was the reason for moving the farm credit corporation office from New Westminster, B.C., to Kelowna, B.C.?

2. Where is Kelowna in relation (a) to the centre of the province (b) to the largest agriculture production area?

3. How many employees found it necessary to resign their positions on account of the office being moved?

4. What percentage of the employees of the New Westminster office were displaced, or resigned, by the move?

Answer by: Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture):

1. The farm credit corporation office was moved from New Westminster, B.C. to Kelowna, B.C. to provide improved service to loan applicants and for economy of administration.

2. (a) Kelowna is approximately 350 miles southeast of Vanderhoof which is considered the geographical centre of British Columbia.

(b) Most of British Columbia's agricultural production comes from that portion of the province lying between Cranbrook in the east and New Westminster in the west and from the international border to just north of Kamloops. Kelowna is situated almost exactly in the centre of this area and is well served with road communications to each of the corporation's field offices within this general agricultural area and the more sparsely settled agricultural areas in the north and northwest of the province.

3. Two.

4. 33 per cent.

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