

Questions

MORTGAGE LOAN TO PESTALOZZI COLLEGE

Question No. 45—**Mr. Ryan:**

Is Pestalozzi College meeting its mortgage payments and, if not, by how many payments is it in arrears and what is the total amount of the arrears?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): The date for adjustment of interest on this mortgage was set for May 1, 1972. The first monthly payment will become due and payable on June 1, 1972.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

Question No. 187—**Mr. Marshall:**

Has the government requested provincial welfare departments to contact claimants to have them assign their right to unemployment insurance benefits to welfare authorities to grant relief and recovery of these payments and, if so, by what method?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No. Section 48(2) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, provides that Unemployment Insurance benefits may be assigned to a province or municipal authority in order to reimburse that province or municipal authority for the amount of welfare payments it makes to a person, which welfare payments would not have been made if the Unemployment Insurance benefits to which he is entitled were then in pay.

A number of provinces are completing assignments as authorized by Section 48(2), and the Unemployment Insurance Commission is presently working with the remaining provinces in developing the procedures that will facilitate the extension of the assignment of benefits to all provinces wishing to participate in the program. However, the government has definitely not requested provincial welfare departments to contact claimants to have them assign their Unemployment Insurance benefits.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—SALARIES OF COMMISSIONERS

Question No. 223—**Mr. Burton:**

What is the salary of the Chief Commissioner and each of the Commissioners of the Canadian Wheat Board?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Chief Commissioner, \$37,500-\$42,000; Assistant Chief Commissioner and Commissioners, \$31,500-\$37,500.

TORONTO—REHABILITATION OF EXISTING SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

Question No. 473—**Mr. McCleave:**

Has the government or any agency thereof entered into an agreement with the city of Toronto to provide loans on a sliding scale for the rehabilitation of existing substandard housing in that city and, if so (a) how much was the ceiling of the total of the loans (b) how many loans have been made and what do they total (c) what interest rate is charged on these loans (d) are these loans available to property owners who rent their properties and what restrictions, if any, are placed on the size of rental increases for such improved properties?

[Mr. Drury.]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has entered into an agreement with the City of Toronto to provide loans on a sliding interest scale for the rehabilitation of existing housing and, where necessary, upgrading them to meet city standards. (a) The aggregate amount for lending under this agreement is \$1.5 million. (b) While no loans have been approved as of May 15th, 1972, there are 40 applications in various stages of processing which will likely result in approvals. (c) The interest rate on these loans will be on a sliding scale geared to income, from 0 per cent for incomes under \$3,000 per year up to 7 7/8 per cent for incomes of \$7,000 a year and over. The cost of the interest subsidy will be shared between the city and CMHC. (d) These loans are available to property owners who rent their properties, providing the owner agrees to maintain the low rental scale of the dwelling and not to raise rents without first proving to the city that increases in such costs as taxes, maintenance and financing make higher rents necessary.

OPERATION LIFT

Question No. 522—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. How many applications under Operation Lift were received from producers from each of the three prairie provinces?
2. How many producer applications were approved, and entitled to payment in each of the three prairie provinces?
3. What was the total amount paid to producers in each of the three provinces?
4. Are all applications finalized and funds distributed?
5. How many producer applications received over-payment and what were the major reasons for over-payment?
6. Has legal action been taken to recover these funds and, if so, in how many cases?
7. As of this date, is any amount outstanding as a result of over-payment and, if so, in how many cases and what is the amount?
8. What was the total amount of money distributed under Operation Lift, including administrative operations?

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): 1. Number of applications received by provinces: Manitoba, 16,941; Saskatchewan, 64,304; Alberta, 29,457; British Columbia, 755; Total, 111,457.

2. Number of applications: Manitoba, 15,093; Saskatchewan, 60,013; Alberta, 25,228; British Columbia, 704; Total, 101,038.

3. Amount paid: Manitoba, \$6,115,350.00; Saskatchewan, \$42,106,406.00; Alberta, \$14,396,440.00; British Columbia, \$574,219.00; Total, \$63,192,415.00.

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5. (i) 4,053 producers. (ii) Major reasons for overpayments: (a) Corrections in acreages reported by producers which were made necessary following aerial surveys and "on the farm" inspections. (b) Many producers who originally seeded cover crops on summerfallow and nurse crops with perennial forage changed their plans and harvested the cover and nurse crops.

6. No legal action has been taken to recover these funds.

7. As at May 5, 1972, 2,497 overpayments totalling \$364,572.80 were still outstanding.