

2. What is the policy with regard to this year's census and what are the regulations?
3. Does the government intend to store this census information in data banks in the United States?

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada (Dominion Bureau of Statistics) reports that:

1. The 1971 Census of Canada is afforded the full protection of the Statistics Act in the same way as any other information collected under the Act. Section 6 (Oath of Office); Section 16 (Secrecy); and Section 28 (Offences and Punishment) assure that no identifiable individual data may be examined by other than persons sworn under the Act and employed or deemed to be employed under the Act. Disclosure of identifiable individual data to any other person or agency is prohibited.

2. Under the provisions of the Statistics Act all persons resident in Canada are required to provide information as outlined in the Census questionnaires. Should they refuse or neglect to answer or answer falsely, they are guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both.

3. The Government does not intend to store any census information in data banks in the United States. As indicated in (1) no identifiable individual data is released to anyone not authorized under the Act. Published data which is not identifiable with individuals may, of course, be acquired or stored by anyone.

#### DATE AND SUBSTANCE OF LAST REFERENDUM

**Question No. 1,390—Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. On what date was the last national referendum held and on what issue?
2. Will the government consider a referendum on the subject of the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products and, if not, for what reasons?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Prime Minister's and Privy Council Offices and the Department of Agriculture as follows:

1. A vote was taken on April 27, 1942, under The Dominion Plebiscite Act, 1942, on a question set out in the ballot papers in the following words:

"Are you in favour of releasing the government from any obligation arising out of past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service."

2. Under the terms of the Bill now before Parliament respecting the establishment of national marketing agencies, the Governor-in-Council must be satisfied that the majority of producers of a commodity want an agency before one is established. The Governor-in-Council is required to use any method he considers appropriate to determine majority support. If a national referendum is considered the most appropriate under the circumstances

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of the situation it is not precluded by the terms of the Bill.

#### CMHC ASSISTANCE TO ST-MAGLOIRE HOME, BELLECHASSE CONSTITUENCY

**Question No. 1,394—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

Was a loan granted in December 1968 by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation toward the construction of the St-Magloire Home in the constituency of Bellechasse and, if so (a) in what amount (b) was it made directly to the corporation of the said Home or through the Société d'Habitation du Québec?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** (a) (b) Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation approved a loan in December, 1968, through the Québec Housing Corporation, to assist in the financing of the St-Magloire Home in the Municipal County of Bellechasse, in the amount of \$260,000.

#### CNR—SUPPLY OF HEATING AND DIESEL OIL TO STATIONS AT QUEBEC CITY AND JOFFRE

**Question No. 1,405—Mr. Godin:**

1. During the past three years, who supplied heating and diesel oil to the CNR stations at Quebec City and Joffre, Quebec?
2. During each year, what was the cost per gallon?
3. What is the normal duration of such a contract?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

1. The purchase of oil for heating Palais Station is arranged by the C.P.R. At Joffre the following companies have supplied or are supplying heating oil during the periods indicated: 1969, Irving Oil Company, Limited; 1970/72, Canadian Import-Quebec.

Diesel oil has been supplied at Limoilou Yard and Joffre by the undernoted firms: 1969/70, Canadian Import-Quebec; 1971, Golden Eagle Canada Limited.

2. It is not the company's practice to disclose details of transactions which would reveal suppliers' business affairs to the detriment of the railway's continuing ability to negotiate advantageously.

3. With the exception of the current arrangement which is for two years for the supply of heating oil, contracts are for a one year period.

#### JAPANESE DIRECT INVESTMENT IN CANADA

**Question No. 1,436—Mr. Yewchuk:**

Has the government any statistics available on the size of Japanese direct investment in Canada for the past ten years and, if not, for what reasons?

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada (Dominion Bureau of Statistics) reports that: Statistics on the size of Japanese direct investment in