

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. The number of full-time employees in the former Department of Industry, as of March, 1969, was 768.

2. Records are not maintained in such a manner as to readily provide information concerning salary ranges. However, the number of employees earning more than \$15,000 per annum in March, 1969, was 157.

STEPS TAKEN TO CONTROL INFLUX OF HEROIN INTO CANADA

Question No. 212—Mr. Yewchuk:

1. What recent steps have been taken by the government to control the influx of heroin into Canada?

2. During the last year (a) how many persons were arrested for smuggling heroin into Canada (b) what was the country of origin for each of the persons arrested?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. The Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise has embarked on a wide and varied training program for customs officers over the last three years. This program has proven most successful in the training of customs officers to identify narcotic materials and training in the methods of apprehending narcotic smugglers. As a matter of policy, all narcotic seizures made by customs officers are turned over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for action under the Narcotic Control Act.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police work closely with the Customs Department who are very active in the suppression of illegal drug importation at ports of entry. A close association exists with the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) and this affiliation permits a reciprocal exchange of information on international drug trafficking. In recent months, the R.C.M. Police joined in a continuing tripartite meeting with France and the United States which is aimed specifically at increasing the exchange of information between the three countries involved.

Close co-operation in this area has always existed between Canada and the United States and, in addition, recent tripartite meetings on the ministerial level have taken place to establish closer liaison between Mexico, the United States and Canada.

2. (a) During the calendar year 1971, 14 individuals were charged by the R.C.M. Police for illegal importation of heroin into Canada.

(b) Country of Origin (Birth) of persons arrested	Number arrested
Algeria	1
Canada	4
Egypt	1
France	1
Israel	1
Italy	4
Lebanon	1
Taiwan	1

Questions

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CENTENNIAL

Question No. 293—Mr. Nielsen:

1. Has a committee been established to plan for the celebration of the centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to occur in 1973 and, if so, what are the names and addresses of the members of the committee?

2. What arrangements, if any, have been made with the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta to enable those provinces to participate in the planning of the centennial?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): 1. Yes. A Centennial Steering Committee has been established to make plans for the centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1973. This committee chaired by Mr. Guy Fournier, 361 Place Royale, Montreal 125, Quebec, consists of Mr. John Rowand, 69 Academy Park Road, Regina, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Marie-Josée Beaulac, Solicitor General's Office, Ottawa; Sub/Inspector J. C. Y. Turgeon, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa; Mr. Steve Evans, 154 University Avenue, Toronto.

2. All western provinces have been consulted with regard to the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They have all been made aware of the objectives of the centennial along with the proposed projects that the Steering Committee has developed. We have invited their comments and suggestions and a permanent liaison has been established with the provinces through the divisions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

ACQUISITION OF ROCHDALE COLLEGE AS HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Question No. 294—Mr. Robinson:

Will the government consider the takeover of Rochdale College to utilize the premises as a senior citizens home?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): In accordance with the announcement made by the Minister of State for Urban Affairs on August 4, 1971, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has taken foreclosure action against the owners of Rochdale College. While it has been hoped that the courts would grant an early order for possession, to permit CMHC to obtain financial and operating control, this possession has been refused by the courts and CMHC solicitors have therefore been instructed to seek an early trial date on the main foreclosure action. We are pursuing the foreclosure action with all due diligence.

As CMHC does not have legal possession of the building, consideration cannot be given to other uses at this time.

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR STORM SEWERS IN LARGE MUNICIPAL AREAS

Question No. 368—Mr. Robinson:

Is the government considering the advisability of providing funds for storm sewers and sanitary system facilities for the large municipal areas of Canada such as Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Quebec?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Loans may be made under the National Housing Act to any province or municipality for the construction or