

in Schedule I of the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act. The larger abatement in the corporation income tax field was associated with the grants to universities.

While there are no tax collection agreements with respect to succession duties, the Government of Canada has abated the federal estate tax in provinces that imposed succession duties by 50 per cent up to March 31, 1964, and by 75 per cent subsequent to that date. If a province did not wish to raise its own taxes to take advantage of the increased federal abatement effective April 1, 1964, the Government of Canada offered to make a cash transfer equivalent to the value to the province of the 25 per cent increased abatement. Quebec did not choose to increase its succession duties. In consequence, the federal estate tax has continued to be abated by 50 per cent in that province and, in addition, a cash transfer equivalent to the value of the additional 25 per cent has been paid to Quebec.

CANADIAN BOX CARS ON U.S. RAILWAYS

Question No. 837—Mr. Diefenbaker:

How many boxcars of (a) Canadian National Railways (b) Canadian Pacific Railway were in the United States on September 1, 1968, October 1, 1968, November 1, 1968, and November 21, 1968 respectively?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):
Canadian National Railways:

	Box Cars in United States	Number of such Cars suitable for Grain Loading
September 1, 1968	9,783	3,266
October 1, 1968	10,138	3,688
November 1, 1968	11,184	4,730
November 16, 1968	11,573	4,760

Canadian Pacific Railway:

September 1, 1968	5,598	*20%
October 1, 1968	6,681	20%
November 1, 1968	7,722	20%
November 21, 1968	8,110	20%

*Canadian Pacific unable to produce such a figure from their records. 20 per cent is an educated guess of the average number of C.P. box cars on U.S. lines suitable for grain loading.

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APPOINTMENT OF AIR CANADA OFFICIALS

Question No. 905—Mr. Diefenbaker:

Was the Board of Directors of Air Canada acting on the recommendation of the government in the appointment of (a) the President (b) the Chairman of the Board, of the Corporation?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):
The appointments were made by the Board of Directors following liaison and discussion with the government as the ultimate shareholder pursuant to normal corporate practice.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRESS RELEASES

Question No. 934—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

1. Does the Department of Agriculture issue documents which are of the nature of press releases, press communiques, news releases or the like and, if so, how many such documents have been issued since July 1, 1968?

2. What has been the cost of (a) printing headings or cover sheets (b) typing the stencils (c) mimeographing or other form of duplicating (d) collating and stapling (e) addressing and mailing the said documents?

3. With respect to the paper used for the said documents, what is (a) its quality (b) the quantity used and the cost thereof?

4. What is the estimate of the number of man-hours consumed in the preparation, production and distribution of such documents?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. In the period July 1, 1968 to December 3, 1968, the Information Division, Department of Agriculture released: Fifty-five individual press releases and twenty-two editions of the weekly bulletin "NEWS from the Canada Department of Agriculture". Each issue of "NEWS" contains from four to eight articles.

2. (a) \$500; (b) No stencils were used—offset duplication used instead; (c) \$7,650; (d) \$4,240; (e) \$625.

3. (a) 20 lb. No. 7 White Bond; (b) 1,500,000 sheets—\$3,750.

4. 870 man hours.

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS SALES

Question No. 937—Mr. MacLean:

1. What was the aggregate value of sales of the 1968 series of Canada Savings Bonds up to November 15, 1968?

2. What was the aggregate value of the 1968 series of Canada Savings Bonds purchased with (a) "new money" (b) by the cashing of bonds of other issues?

3. What was the cost to the government of selling the 1968 series of Canada Savings Bonds for (a) advertising (b) commissions (c) other costs?