

Corporation that their records of NHA lending provide the following information of the average prices of new housing in York County, for the following periods:

Items	Average Estimated Total Price of New Dwellings Financed Under NHA ⁽¹⁾		
	Third Quarter		
	1968 ⁽²⁾	1970	1973 ⁽³⁾
York County, excluding Metropolitan Toronto.....	25,311	27,425	—
Metropolitan Toronto, excluding Toronto City.....	29,294	30,065	—
Toronto City ⁽³⁾	—	—	—

⁽¹⁾ single detached dwellings on freehold tenure, including loans approved to home owners and sales prices of houses purchased from builders.

⁽²⁾ data for 1967 are not readily available.

⁽³⁾ single family dwellings on freehold tenure have not been financed in these areas in the third quarter of 1973, nor in the city of Toronto during the three periods in question.

BUTTER STORAGE

Question No. 3,128—**Mr. Reynolds:**

How many pounds of butter are currently in storage in Canada and what is the policy of the government in disposing of this butter?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): As of November 1, 1973 there were 55,075,000 pounds of butter in storage in Canada. Butter stocks held by the Canadian Dairy Commission are made available for sale at the butter support price of 71 cents per pound.

ACCEPTANCE OF ICCS MEDAL FOR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL ONLY

Question No. 3,133—**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

Has a decision been taken to refuse to award the Indo-China Medal and the Viet Nam Medal to civilians, both men and women, who were assigned to duties in those theatres at one time or another from 1954 to 1973 and, if so, on what grounds was it decided to favour the military components and exclude the civilians?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The government of Canada has decided to approve acceptance of the International Commission of Control and Supervision (ICCS) Medal for Armed Forces Personnel only. The main reason for not authorizing civilians to receive such a medal, despite the Canadian government's full awareness of the latter's outstanding performance, was the fact that the many civilians who had previously served in Viet Nam and in comparable operations elsewhere in the past had not been similarly treated. This decision is in keeping with previous and normal practice in the foreign service.

Order Paper Questions

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD—MR. W. G. RATHIE

Question No. 3,151—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Will the Minister of Transport require Mr. Rathie to give up his position in his private company to assure fair representation from him as a member of the National Harbours Board?
2. Has the Minister admitted that a conflict of interest exists and, if so, what action has been taken in this matter?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. No.

2. The Minister of Transport does not recognize that there is a conflict of interest and accordingly has not required the resignation of Mr. Rathie.

NCC—RESEARCH PROJECT INVOLVING POLLUTION OF PINKS LAKE, GATINEAU PARK

Question No. 3,153—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Has the National Capital Commission a research project underway involving the pollution and contamination of Pinks Lake in the Gatineau Park and, if so (a) on what date was the project initiated (b) what are the names of those involved in the project (c) what are the qualifications of each researcher (d) are they ordinarily employees of either the National Capital Commission or the Public Service and, if not (i) on what basis are they remunerated for their services (ii) what is the total amount paid in salary and expenses to those involved?

2. Who has been in charge of this project since its inception and on what basis was he selected for this position?

3. (a) On what date will the project be completed (b) will the findings be made public and, if not, for what reason?

4. Who has responsibility for acting upon whatever recommendations are contained in this project?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): In so far as the National Capital Commission is concerned: 1. Yes. (a) July 1972. (b) Dr. M. Dickman, Department of Biology, University of Ottawa. (c) M. Dickman PHD; Fresh Water Ecology—Zoology, U.B.C. Post Doctoral Limnology, Uppsala Sweden. (d) No. (i) Contract, Department of the Environment. (ii) \$7,100.

2. Dr. Dickman was requested to carry on the specific study of Pinks Lake upon completion early in 1972 of a much larger study which included Pinks Lake and four other lakes in Gatineau Park. The larger study indicated that additional work was required to determine the source of nutrient pollution.

3. (a) Field work completed, report in process of assembly as of November 12. (b) Yes.

4. National Capital Commission in consultation with Department of the Environment.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—PURPOSE OF TRIPS MADE BY MR. R. DE C. GREY

Question No. 3,224—**Mr. Knight:**

1. In the fiscal year 1971-72, what were the purposes of the trips made by R. de C. Grey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance (salary range: \$28,000-\$35,000), to (a) Washington (\$110) (b) Washington (\$217) (c) Washington (\$197) (d) Washington (\$188)?

2. In what months of the year were these trips made?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): 1. (a) To attend meeting of the Council of International Actuarial Association. (b) To attend meeting of National Association of Insurance Commissioners.