

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK DEBENTURES—PURCHASE BY BANK OF CANADA

Question No. 894—**Mr. Rodrigue:**

1. During 1969, did the Bank of Canada purchase debentures issued by the Industrial Development Bank and, if so, what was the value of the debentures acquired by the Bank of Canada?

2. What is the average interest rate paid by the Industrial Development Bank on such debentures?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):**

1. The Bank of Canada purchased all debentures issued by the Industrial Development Bank during 1969. The total issued in this period was \$132,300,000, of which \$86,700,000 was in replacement of maturing debentures.

2. The average interest rate paid by the Industrial Development Bank on debentures issued during 1969 was 8.20 per cent.

NOVA SCOTIA—MANPOWER MOBILITY PROGRAM

Question No. 902—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):**

1. Since January, 1968, have any persons received grants or loans under the Manpower Mobility Programme through the offices of the Canada Manpower Centre at (a) Sydney Mines, (b) North Sydney (c) Sydney, Nova Scotia and, if so, how many?

2. Have any persons been refused by each of these offices and, if so (a) how many (b) for what reasons?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):**

1. Yes. Under the Canada Manpower Mobility Program grants only are authorized. A detailed breakdown of statistics for the period 1 January 1968-31 March 1968 is not available. The data given is for the full fiscal years 1967-68, 1968-69 and also the period 1 April-31 December 1969, by type of grants:

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(a) Sydney Mines	11	8	13	32
(b) North Sydney	176	41	29	246
(c) Sydney	466	103	120	689

2. (a) Yes, Sydney Mines 79, North Sydney 26 and Sydney 14.

(b) Mobility assistance was not authorized because the persons failed to meet one or more of the following qualifying conditions prescribed by the Manpower Mobility Regulations: Not unemployed at the time of application; there was employment available in present locality; there were no employment prospects in new area; the area to which person wished to move was not the nearest

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area in which suitable employment was available; client failed medical examination required by employer or training institution.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—PHASING OUT SAVINGS

Question No. 907—**Mr. McKinley:**

1. What is the total saving in government spending that will result from the recent announcement of the phasing out of militia units and the closing out of armouries across Canada?

2. In particular, what savings in government expenditure will result from the closing of the armouries in Wingham and the phasing out of the 21st Field Artillery Regiment?

**Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** 1. Approximately \$15,000,000.

2. In arriving at an approximate cost of maintaining a militia unit certain factors must be considered. The operating and maintenance costs of the armoury, pay of unit members, are basic costs but there are other costs which are not as readily identified on a unit basis such as provision and maintenance of equipment, pay of regular force support staffs, travel, rations, clothing, etc. It is estimated that approximately \$40,000 will be saved by phasing out the 21st Field Artillery Regiment and closing the Armoury in Wingham, Ontario.

USE OF PICLORAM TO MARK CANADA-U.S. BOUNDARY

Question No. 909—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Is picloram being used to mark the land boundary between Canada and the United States?

2. What formula exists for the quantities being used and what safeguards exist as to such use?

3. How long has picloram been in existence, who invented it and what tests were carried out as to its effect on foliage and animal, human or bird life and on soil or water?

4. For what reasons was the decision made to mark out the boundary?

5. Was the picloram decision made at the initiative of the Canadian or American Government?

6. Who will supply the picloram?

7. Who will apply the picloram?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. Picloram is an ingredient in the herbicide used to mark the boundary.

2 and 7. The commercial mixture, containing 0.54 pounds picloram per gallon, is applied at rates varying from 1.6 to 3 gallons per acre. The rates of application and methods are laid down by Canada Department of Agriculture. The program is carried out by