

6. What was the amount paid for all advance polls including rent, agents and other staff?

7. What was the total cost of the July 8, 1974 election to the taxpayer?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): The answer in so far as the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer is concerned is: 1. \$109,810.18

NOTE: This amount includes the following amounts not shown elsewhere in the answers to this question: Rental respecting polls, \$8,680; Appointment of constables at all polls, \$993; Rental of revising offices, \$570.

2. \$4,041.92.

3. \$34,537.62 (Excluding payment for personal services of returning officer as set out in Part 2 of this answer).

4. \$41,617.64 respecting enumerators, revising officers, revising agents and clerical staff of revising officers.

5. Ordinary Polls: (a) \$9,920; (b) \$7,440. Advance Polls: (a) \$720; (b) \$660.

6. \$630 rent plus \$1,380 paid to deputy returning officers and poll clerks of advance polls as set out in Part 5 of this answer.

7. See reply to Part 1 of Question No. 44 answered this day.

● (1410)

Mr. Diefenbaker: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, for more than a month I have endeavoured to get an answer to question 544. From time to time I have communicated with the minister's office, on each occasion being promised an early reply. Finally, because I could not get any answer, I placed this question concerning the commissioning of statues of Right Hon. R. B. Bennett and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen on the order paper. One week ago I again placed this matter on the order paper as a starred question. I cannot understand why the government has no record of this or is unable to furnish an answer. I understand that for the last several years these statues have been in storage. I wonder why they are there, and also why, although the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen was prime minister before Mr. King, Mr. King's statue is on Parliament Hill, but not Mr. Meighen's. It is impossible, apparently, to secure information concerning the whereabouts of these two statues. I hope that the department will pay some attention to this because I know the scriptural admonition "seek and ye shall find" will certainly bring results.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion for the production of papers No. 5 is acceptable to the government.

Oral Questions

COPY OF NEW PASSPORT COVER DESIGNS

Motion No. 5—**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the new designs for passport covers.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the other notices of motions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE MINISTRY

SUGGESTION MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BE GIVEN ADVICE ON HIS RESPONSIBILITIES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of what the Minister of Agriculture told the press outside the House yesterday when he said he is not sure of the division of authority and responsibility as between himself, the National Farm Products Marketing Council and the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, will the Acting Prime Minister make available to the Minister of Agriculture all necessary legal advice so that the minister may be provided with all facts relating to this authority and responsibilities.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, in view of the difficulties the minister must be experiencing and in view of the gray area which may exist, from the point of view of the minister—

Mr. Hees: And that doesn't mean Herb, either.

Mr. Stanfield:—what steps does the Acting Prime Minister propose, to make certain that the Minister of Agriculture receives proper advice on the subject.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture is performing magnificently in his portfolio.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Sharp: I know the opposition wants to downgrade him, but I do not think that will happen.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Ask Mrs. Plumtre.