

Questions

[English]

ASSOCIATION QUÉBÉCOISE DES TECHNIQUES DE L'EAU BRIEF

Question No. 449—**Mr. Matte:**

1. Did the federal government receive a brief from the *Association québécoise des techniques de l'eau* concerning the management of water resources and, if so, has the government reached an agreement which would extend to the Province of Quebec the same benefits as the other provinces?

2. Does the federal government intend to accept the AQTE recommendation advocating the creation of a federal water board in which the federal and provincial governments, various agencies and private enterprise would participate?

3. By what methods does the federal government intend to take maximum advantage of this natural resource?

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. No brief has been received to date but recent correspondence from officers of the Association indicates such a brief may be expected in the near future. Canada is prepared at any time to negotiate with the province of Quebec toward the development of an agreement or agreements concerning the management of water resources. The proposed Canada Water Act will provide the appropriate legislative basis for such agreements.

2. Presumably the Association québécoise des techniques de l'eau recommendation will be contained in its Briefs, which will have to be received and studied before any comment can be offered.

3. Enactment of the proposed Canada Water Act will provide the basic legislation which will facilitate federal-provincial co-operative activities concerning the management of water resources.

URBAN RENEWAL, QUEBEC—SUSPENSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Question No. 467—**Mr. Matte:**

1. Did the federal government suspend its contributions to urban renewal programs in the Province of Québec and, if so, does it intend to grant to the Government of Québec equivalent fiscal points in order to permit projects already planned or under way to be completed without delay?

2. If not, is it the government's intention to grant any other assistance to the Government of Québec in the field of housing?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): 1. The announcements made on August 14, and December 18, 1969, regarding the federal government's policy in relation to urban renewal schemes had application in Québec as it had in all other provinces.

2. Pursuant to an administrative agreement made between Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Québec Housing Corporation, CMHC is making loans to the Québec Housing Corporation in respect of low rental housing projects, public housing projects and student housing projects under the relevant provisions of the National Housing Act, 1954. This agreement covers the period to March 31, 1970. The amount provided for such loans is \$124.9 million.

LOANS TO STUDENTS IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO

Question No. 473—**Mr. Latulippe:**

1. In 1968-1969, how much has the federal government granted in loans to students in (a) Quebec (b) Ontario?

2. What is the percentage granted to Quebec students in relation to Ontario.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Finance as follows: 1. (a) No loans. Quebec does not participate in the Canada Student Loans Plan. (See 2 below) (b) 53,911 loans in the amount of \$27,538,820.

2. The Province of Quebec has its own student assistance program and has chosen not to participate in the Canada Student Loans Plan. An alternative payment is made to Quebec each year and is determined by applying the ratio of the general population in the 18 to 24 year age group in Quebec to the same population in the rest of Canada at the beginning of the loan year to the total of the statutory costs incurred by the federal government during that loan year.

The alternative payments to Quebec have been as follows:

Loan year in respect of which payment made	Amount of payment
1964/65	74,262
1965/66	757,448
1966/67	1,230,572
1967/68	2,402,552
1968/69	2,915,698

INTEREST FREE LOANS TO PRAIRIE GRAIN GROWERS

Question No. 474—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many prairie grain farmers took advantage of the interest free federal government loans after August 1, 1969?

2. How many took the maximum loan and how many of them actually needed the loan?