

NATIONAL DEFENCE—REGIMENTAL BADGES AND
BERETS

Question No. 502—**Mr. Schumacher:**

1. Is it the intention of the government and/or the Department of National Defence to do away with regimental badges and the black beret worn by members of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps?

2. With what are they intended to be replaced?

3. Has any survey been taken on the effect of such removal of insignia and uniform on the morale of the men involved?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):

1. No. It is not the intention to do away with regimental badges. Armoured Corps units have the option of wearing either the black or green beret.

2. Not applicable.

3. Field unit and individual preferences were considered in the decision to retain regimental insignia and other items that distinguish an individual's occupation or group affiliation.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN
PERSONNEL AT CFB GAGETOWN

Question No. 512—**Mr. Howie:**

What were the numbers in Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick of (a) armed forces personnel (b) civilian DND personnel, on January 1, in each year 1971, 1972 and 1973?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):

	January 1, 71	January 1, 72	January 1, 73
(a) Armed Forces personnel	3,729	3,349	3,250
(b) Civilian personnel	617	833	682

CBC—SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION OF THRONE
SPEECH

Question No. 513—**Mr. Masniuk:**

Was there any English translation of the Throne Speech as it was being delivered in French on the English CBC-TV network and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: There was no translation because, after the broadcast of previous Throne Speeches, when translation was provided, there followed a substantial public reaction against simultaneous translation. The Corporation recognizes the difficulties created for some viewers and is studying various alternatives for future use.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—PUBLIC SERVICE
ALLIANCE CONTRACT WITH TREASURY BOARD

Question No. 532—**Mr. Godin:**

Has the Public Service Alliance recently signed a contract with Treasury Board on behalf of the Department of National Defence employees at Valcartier and, if so (a) what is the nature of the

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contract (b) what are the working conditions (c) will a salary increase be granted and on what date?

[Translation]

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Since October 1, 1972, the Public Service Alliance and the Treasury Board signed three contracts which affect the employees at CFB Valcartier: (a) (i) General Labour and Trades signed 31 October, 1972, expiring 24 November, 1974; (ii) Heating Power and Stationery Plant Operation signed 16 November, 1972, expiring 29 September, 1974; (iii) Drafting and Illustration signed 5 December, 1972, expiring 22 September, 1974; (b) The contracts are designed to maintain harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships between the employer, the employees and the alliance by setting forth certain terms and conditions of employment relating to remuneration hours of work, employee benefits and general working conditions; (c) Each one of these contracts contains salary increases which have been paid and future increases which will be paid as they become due.

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE—NUMBER OF VACANT POSITIONS

Question No. 554—**Mr. Latulippe:**

How many vacant positions are there in the Public Service Commission?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 148, as of January 25, 1973.

MR. M. PLAMONDON—PAYMENT FOR SERVICES
RENDERED

Question No. 556—**Mr. Latulippe:**

1. During the fiscal year 1967-68, did the Department of External Affairs pay Mr. M. Plamondon of Sillery, Quebec any amount in return for services rendered?

2. What was the amount paid?

3. What was the nature of his services?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes.

2. \$5,424.49

3. He sculptured a bronze statue of the Marquis de Montcalm for Canada House in London.

P.E.I.—SECOND NATIONAL PARK

Question No. 571—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. When is it intended to construct a second national park in Prince Edward Island?

2. What is the proposed location of such a park?

3. What proportion of the cost of acquisition of the required land will be borne by the government?

4. What representations have been made by the government of Prince Edward Island in reference to such construction?

5. In each of the provinces, what are the dates of establishment of national parks?

6. What is the area of each such park?