

Questions

LIVERPOOL, NOVA SCOTIA, HARBOUR—DREDGING OPERATIONS

Question No. 164—Mr. Crouse:

Is it the intention of the Department of Public Works to carry out dredging operations in Liverpool harbour, Queen's County, Nova Scotia, to increase water depths in the channel which crosses the harbour bar and, if so (a) what is the amount of funds set aside for this work (b) when will this dredging be carried out?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): No additional dredging is planned in this location at the present time. However, during the present fiscal year the mooring area behind the public wharf was dredged to a depth of 14 feet L.W.O.S.T. and the approach channel to the mooring basin to a depth of 11 feet at L.W.O.S.T. The total cost of this work was \$43,694.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—NUMBER OF MAN-HOURS SAVED BY UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 167—Mr. Robinson:

How many man-hours have been saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of Finance during each year since computers have been used?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): The provision of computer facilities in the Department of Finance has greatly increased the volume of analysis carried out on the national finances and the national economy. The work of compilation, storage, retrieval and analysis now being done by the computer would, if done by hand, require the services of a very large number of clerical staff, together with desk calculators, filing facilities, stenographic support and supervisory personnel. The computer permits the use of new and more advanced techniques of analysis, and provides a constant flow of up-to-date information of a kind which could not be provided by traditional means. No estimate of the man-hour equivalent provided by computer services is possible owing to the wide variety of new methods of data processing made possible by the use of the computer.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CHANGE IN NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES RESULTING FROM USE OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 168—Mr. Robinson:

As a result of the use of computers by the Department of Finance, how many employees have been (a) laid off (b) hired?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): (a) Number of employees laid off, nil; (b) Number of employees hired, 7.

COST OF YOUTH HOSTELS IN CANADIAN CITIES

Question No. 173—Mr. Nystrom:

1. What is the estimated cost of providing youth hostels in twelve Canadian cities during the summer months?
2. In each city, how many young people used the youth hostel?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): 1. \$155,000 to operate hostels in 12 D.N.D. armouries plus \$45,000

[Mr. Laing.]

to operate hostels in an additional 11 private facilities in other centres.

2. St. John's	(approx.) 476 bed nights
Montreal	(approx.) 15,000 bed nights
Kingston	(approx.) 1,170 bed nights
Thunder Bay	(approx.) 2,564 bed nights
Calgary	(approx.) 7,600 bed nights
Edmonton	(approx.) 6,337 bed nights
Vancouver	(approx.) 20,000 bed nights
Charlottetown	(approx.) 1,000 bed nights
Hull	(approx.) 2,473 bed nights
London	(approx.) 1,089 bed nights
Winnipeg	(approx.) 10,000 bed nights
Revelstoke	(approx.) 1,493 bed nights

[English]

VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA 1963-70

Question No. 178—Mr. Rowland:

What was the total value of imports received in Canada from South Africa in each year 1963 to 1969 inclusive and what is the projected total figures for 1970?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports: Total value of imports from South Africa, as published in "Trade of Canada—Imports by Countries", are shown below for the years 1963-1970 (to date).

Year	Imports (\$'000)
1963	31,548
1964	28,777
1965	27,113
1966	27,641
1967	37,060
1968	39,315
1969	45,944
January-August 1970	27,333

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS

Question No. 184—Mr. Robinson:

1. Have any Industrial Development Bank loans been made to any companies and/or individuals involved in the Mafia?
2. Is any investigation carried out by the RCMP or other policing authorities in Canada to determine if the applicants for Industrial Development Bank loans have, in fact, any connection with crime, or criminal organizations and, if not, will this be considered in the future?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): In so far as the Industrial Development Bank is concerned: 1 and 2. In examining loan proposals, all reasonable efforts are made to investigate the credit-worthiness of applicants to determine whether they meet the criteria laid down in Section 15(1) of the Act.