Questions

FEDERAL LAND PURCHASES, SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN PROJECT

Question No. 945-Mr. McLelland:

How many acres of land have been purchased by the federal government to date in connection with the building of the South Saskatchewan river dam and irrigation project?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): 56,065 acres.

ALDRIN AND DIELDRIN—CHANGES IN REGULATIONS

Question No. 955—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

Since January 1, 1966, has the Canadian government changed the regulations governing the use of the agricultural chemicals aldrin and dieldrin and, if so, what have been the changes and for what reasons were they made?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, as the regulations pertained to the acceptance of these in fertilizers under provisions of the Fertilizers Act. Acceptance of fertilizer mixes containing aldrin or dieldrin for farm use have been withdrawn because these mixes have been shown to be ineffective in controlling pest insects, and to increase the potential for residues in crops.

CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIET NAM

Question No. 974-Mr. Faulkner:

- 1. What assistance has Canada rendered to Viet Nam by way of financial aid, capital projects or technical assistance?
- 2. Are there any Canadian medical personnel now serving in Viet Nam, and what plans does the government have toward contributing medical assistance to that country?
- 3. What participation has the Canadian Red Cross Society taken in any programs of assistance to Viet Nam?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Canada has allocated \$3.692.132 in assistance to Viet Nam since 1953 of which \$1,694,632 has been made available during the past two years. Capital Assistance has been in the form of food aid, mainly flour, help with the construction of a sciences building at the University of Hué and laboratory equipment for the University of Dalat. Technical Assistance has involved the provision of five advisers in the medical and educational fields as well as the training in Canada of Vietnamese. Some 380 students from Vietnam have trained in Canada with 183 of this total presently undertaking studies in Canadian universities and technical institutions.

2. There are three Canadian doctors now serving in Viet Nam. Canada has also indicated

to the Vietnamese authorities that it is prepared to establish and operate a Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Saigon; Canada is also undertaking the construction of an extension to T.B. treatment facilities at the provincial hospital in Quang Ngai.

3. On its own initiative, the Canadian Red Cross has provided significant amounts of clothing for the victims of the war in Viet Nam as well as making substantial cash donations through the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Canadian Red Cross has also indicated its willingness to cooperate in any appropriate way with medical assistance to Viet Nam financed by the Canadian Government.

HALIFAX-OBSERVATION OF NATAL DAY

Question No. 984-Mr. Forrestall:

- 1. Do any federal civil servants receive time off to observe either Halifax or Dartmouth Natal Day?
- 2. Do any hourly paid employees at H.M.C. Dock-yard receive time off to observe either of these natal days?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

H.M.C. "DOCKYARD", HALIFAX-APPRENTICES

Question No. 985-Mr. Forrestall:

- 1. How many apprentices have been trained in each of the several shops at H.M.C. Dockyard in Halifax during (a) the last twelve years (b) the last eight years (c) the last four years?
 - 2. How many are presently "in training"?
- 3. How many apprentices have left the dockyard for employment elsewhere after having completed or more than half completed their training during (a) the past twelve years (b) the past eight years (c) the past four years (d) the past two years (e) the past year?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):

1.	(a)	(b)	(c)
Shops	12 yrs	8 yrs	4 yrs
Plate & Boiler	26	19	10
Shipwright	16	10	5
Sheet Metal	2	1	1
Machine Weapons	56	38	20
Machine Mechanical	34	18	5
Pipe Fitter	3	3	2
Mechanical Fitting	10	10	4
Pattern Maker	1	1	0
Internal Combustion	1		
Engr	7	7	3
Electrical	89	62	35
	244	169	85