

Questions

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (For the Minister of Trade and Commerce):

| | January | February (bushels) | March |
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| Saskatchewan | | | |
| wheat | 19,759,000 | 7,806,000 | 16,477,000 |
| oats | 332,000 | 373,000 | 484,000 |
| barley ¹ | 948,000 | 956,000 | 1,911,000 |
| Manitoba | | | |
| wheat | 3,492,000 | 1,459,000 | 3,705,000 |
| oats | 307,000 | 210,000 | 327,000 |
| barley ¹ | 437,000 | 324,000 | 681,000 |

¹It is not possible to establish the final use of barley at the time of its delivery to the country elevator.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, OTTAWA

Question No. 2,862—**Mr. Danforth:**

1. What is the estimated date of completion of the national centre for the performing arts building in Ottawa?

2. Is it planned that the finished edifice will contain space and accommodation especially at street level that may be utilized by private companies or corporations on a rental and lease basis and, if so, when and to whom should representations by interested parties be made?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Department of Public Works and the National Arts Centre Corporation as follows: 1. The prime construction contract is to be completed by December 31, 1968. Following this, there is to be a three month specialized equipment testing, co-ordination, and run-in period before the building becomes operational.

2. The finished edifice will provide space and accommodation, including the street level, that may be leased or otherwise used for purposes ancillary to the major purpose of the centre but the possibility of leasing to commercial enterprises has not been ruled out. This subject is being considered by the board of trustees and persons wishing to register their interest may do so by writing to the director, National Arts Centre Corporation.

FARMS IN CANADA

Question No. 2,864—**Mr. Godin:**

1. How many farms are there in Canada?
2. How many have electrical power?

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1. According to the Census of Agriculture, June 1, 1966, there were 430,522 census farms in Canada, which are defined as

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consisting of one acre or more with sales during the previous year of \$50 or more. A considerable number of these farms are occupied by persons employed principally in occupations other than agriculture. Included in this number are 276,835 commercial census farms which are defined as consisting of one acre or more with sales during the previous year of \$2,500 or more.

2. Information from the 1966 Census of Agriculture is not yet available on the number of farms having electrical power. However, as at June 1, 1961 there were 409,882 census farms reporting electrical power.

[English]

TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN CANADA

Question No. 2,866—**Mr. Godin:**

1. How many telephone communication companies are there in (a) Canada (b) each province?

2. How many subscribers does each of these companies have in (a) Canada (b) each province?

3. What were the revenues declared for income tax purposes by each of these companies in 1965 in (a) Canada (b) each province?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):

I am informed by the Departments of Trade and Commerce and National Revenue as follows: 1. (a) During 1965 there were 2,330 telephone communication companies in Canada. (b) Newfoundland 1, Prince Edward Island 5, Nova Scotia 127, New Brunswick 4, Quebec 141, Ontario 132, Manitoba 2, Saskatchewan 952, Alberta 961, British Columbia 5.

2. The number of subscribers is not available. However, the number of telephones excluding those on private branch exchange, extensions, public pay telephones and mobile telephones is as follows: (a) Canada total—5,189,453. (b) Newfoundland 65,992; Prince Edward Island 20,668; Nova Scotia 164,963; New Brunswick 124,529; Quebec 1,411,934; Ontario 1,978,036; Manitoba 262,873; Saskatchewan 243,420; Alberta 375,522; British Columbia 534,849; Northwest Territories 3,052; Yukon 3,615.

3. The information submitted by each company for income tax purposes is confidential and cannot be divulged.

*NEW POST OFFICE INSIGNIA

Question No. 2,869—**Mr. MacEwan:**

1. Has the postmaster general designed or has someone designed for him, a new insignia for use by the Post Office Department to replace the present coat of arms?

2. If so, when does he intend to introduce it?