

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PAYMENTS, 1956

Question No. 143—Mr. Balcom:

1. In each province, during 1956, what was the number of applications approved for (a) old age security; (b) old age assistance?
2. In each province, during 1956, what was the number of those previously in receipt of old age assistance becoming entitled to old age security?
3. How many persons in Nova Scotia received (a) old age security; (b) old age assistance; (c) family allowances, from the federal government during 1956?
4. What was the total amount paid in each case?

Answer by: Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

1 and 2.

Province	1. (a)	1. (b)	2.
Newfoundland	1,700	1,257	1,112
Prince Edward Island ..	658	170	213
Nova Scotia	3,734	1,364	1,296
New Brunswick	2,854	1,404	1,364
Quebec	18,995	7,865	7,253
Ontario	32,633	6,188	5,513
Manitoba	5,378	1,395	1,243
Saskatchewan	5,601	1,618	1,198
Alberta	6,111	1,660	1,386
British Columbia	11,140	1,790	2,092
Yukon and Northwest Territories	89	50	23

3. As of December, 1956.

(a) 38,779; (b) 5,055; (c) 247,073 children in pay.

4. Federal contributions to the province of Nova Scotia for the year 1956—

(a) old age security, \$18,628,725; (b) old age assistance, \$1,039,723; (c) family allowances, \$17,898,959.

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION—FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Question No. 181—Mr. Denis:

What amount of financial assistance is the government giving, at present, towards the construction of hospitals?

Answer by: Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

Under the national health program, financial assistance is being provided under the hospital construction grant as follows:

1. \$1,500 per bed for mental, tuberculosis, chronic and convalescent beds,
2. \$1,000 per bed for active treatment beds,
3. \$500 per bed for nurses' beds,
4. \$1,000 to community health centres for each 300 square feet of floor space devoted to those services that provide diagnostic and treatment services to out-patients as well as in-patients, and
5. \$1,000 for each 300 square feet of floor area devoted to training facilities for health and hospital personnel.

For 1956-57 \$17,918,174 is being made available (annual allocation of \$6,683,660 and re-vote of \$11,234,514).

Since the inception of the national health program in 1948 federal grants totalling \$73,751,533 have been made toward the construction of new hospitals and extensions to existing hospital facilities.

WATER SUPPLY, CHURCHILL, MAN.

Question No. 198—Mr. Weaver:

Has the Department of National Health and Welfare made any study of the water supply problem at Churchill, Manitoba?

Answer by: Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

Yes. The public health engineering division of the Department of National Health and Welfare completed a preliminary study during the summer of 1956. The subsequent report is now being studied by federal and provincial departments of government which have an increasing interest in the provision of an adequate, safe water supply in this rapidly growing community.