

Questions

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): 1. 1964-65, \$86,770; 1965-66, \$1,399,700; 1966-67, \$1,013,099; 1967-68, \$2,437,821; 1968-69, \$3,090,000 (estimated).

2. The estimates of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion include provision for expenditures of approximately \$25 millions.

PRESIDENT OF ELDORADO NUCLEAR
COMPANY

Question No. 1,582—**Mr. Dumont:**

1. Who is the President of the Eldorado Nuclear Company Limited?

2. What are the names of the directors?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Eldorado Nuclear Limited reports as follows: 1. W. M. Gilchrist.

2. Marcel Bélanger, W. J. Bennett, Dr. Roger A. Blais, W. M. Gilchrist, Dr. W. F. James, W. S. Kirkpatrick, Gordon Lawson.

*USE OF ARMOURIES BY LIONS TRACK CLUB
OF REGINA

Question No. 1,607—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. Has the Lions Track Club of Regina, whose objectives are to assist in the development, improvement and promotion of track and field in the Province of Saskatchewan, had during the past the privilege of using the Regina Armouries for practice sessions four days a week during the winter season?

2. Was a request received prior to the beginning of the 1968-69 season for a 10' x 10' storage space for track equipment in the armouries?

3. Was this request granted and, if not, by whom and for what reasons was it refused?

4. Is there a large storage room in the north end of the building, normally containing chairs and tables, which, if the contents were re-arranged would be suitable for the Track Club purposes without interfering with the operations of the Armouries?

5. Will the Minister of National Defence give immediate sympathetic consideration to making available the space referred to in Part 4 to the Lions Track Club so that its estimable voluntary public service can be continued in an effective manner?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The answer to part 1 of the question is as follows: Both the Lions Track Club and the Canadian Legion Track Club were granted permission by the officer in charge of the Regina armoury to use the armoury from Monday to Thursday each week from 5 p.m.

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to 6.30 p.m. throughout the period from November 1, 1968 to April 30, 1969, subject to the armoury being free from other priority commitments.

The answer to part 2 is, yes.

The answer to part 3 is as follows: No, this request was refused initially by the officer in charge of the armoury because storage space could not be made available without prejudice to its use by militia units, cadet squadrons or regular force elements located in the armoury. Subsequently, this matter was reconsidered, and the senior staff officer of the Saskatchewan district personally visited the armoury to assess the situation. He confirmed the findings of the officer in charge and recommended that the request be refused. His recommendation was concurred in by prairie region headquarters and by Canadian forces headquarters.

The answer to the fourth part is, no. A storage room 21 feet by 23 feet, disrupted by structural support columns and double entrance doors which open inwards, does exist but it is filled with government stores and its contents cannot be rearranged without interfering with the operation of the armouries.

The answer to the fifth part is that this matter has had sympathetic consideration and it is regretted the decision to refuse storage space must stand.

SECURITY SERVICE FOR FOREIGN EMBASSIES

Question No. 1,613—**Mr. Robinson:**

What is the reason for the cost of providing police and/or security service for embassies and consulates of foreign countries in 1967 and 1968 when there was no cost whatsoever before that date?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): From 1960 through 1966 the protection of embassies and consulates was accomplished by the normal vigilance of local police forces. Only in 1967 were requests received for a form of protection more intensive than local police forces could provide.

*TESTS OF THERMAL RADAR BEAM

Question No. 1,619—**Mr. McGrath:**

Will the new thermal radar beam, developed by the National Research Council as a possible solution to the hazard of birds on airport runways which is to be tested at Uplands, Ontario this Spring also be tested by the Defence Research Board or other defence agencies as a potential weapon and, if so, has information about it been passed on to the United States authorities?