

Questions

GERM WARFARE EXPERIMENTAL STATIONS

Question No. 297—Mr. Matheson:

Does the government operate a germ warfare experimental station or stations and, if so, where, why, and what is the total cost of these operations during the last three years?

Answer by: Mr. Harkness:

The defence research board of the Department of National Defence has a program of research to evaluate the hazard to service personnel and to civilians from attack by biological agents, and to develop means of detection and prophylaxis and therapy against such agents. This program is carried out at Suffield experimental station in Alberta, and at defence research chemical laboratories in Ottawa and defence research Kingston laboratories.

For security reasons the information regarding the cost of these operations cannot be divulged in greater detail than in the estimates.

*INVESTIGATIONS OF FOREIGN FISHING BOATS

Question No. 300—Mr. Robichaud:

Were any searches or investigations made by fisheries officers on foreign registered trawlers or seiners operating in the gulf of St. Lawrence or bay of Chaleur area from April 1, 1962, to date and, if so (a) on what dates were such patrols or searches carried on (b) have any violations been reported and, if so, what was the nature of such violations (c) what action has been taken by the fisheries department to protect Canadian fishermen against such operations?

Mr. MacLean (Queens): Mr. Speaker, assuming the second last word in the first line to be "for" instead of "on", the answer is yes. No investigations or searches were made in the gulf of St. Lawrence or bay of Chaleur areas actually on board any foreign registered trawlers. The answer to part (a) is July 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, August 28 and September 5, 6 and 15. The answer to part (b) is no. The answer to part (c) is: A fleet of patrol vessels is operated on the Atlantic seaboard, part of the duties of which is enforcement of the provisions of the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act. Reports of contraventions of the act are promptly investigated. Air patrol is used, where necessary, to supplement the work of the water patrol.

*WINTER WORKS PROGRAM, MARITIME PROVINCES

Question No. 301—Mr. Rideout:

Will the government consider including hospital and school construction in the winter works program to help relieve unemployment in the maritime provinces?

Mr. Hales: The scope of the municipal winter works incentive program has been broadened from time to time so that it now includes any capital undertaking of a municipality

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except work on schools and school grounds, hospitals and hospital grounds, subway transportation systems and municipally owned buildings used for industrial or business purposes under private auspices.

The federal government is making substantial contributions to the provinces in respect of certain phases of education as well as towards hospital construction and it is not intended at this time to further broaden the scope of the municipal winter works incentive program.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Question No. 302—Mr. Marcoux:

1. Is Canada contributing financially to the world health organization?

2. Has Canada authorized the world health organization to promote water fluoridation in the city of Ottawa?

Answer by: Mrs. Casselman:

1. Canada, as a member of the world health organization, contributes annually toward the budget of that organization. The budget is determined in accordance with the provisions of the world health organization's financial regulations (article 5.3), and member nations are assessed accordingly.

2. No.

JACQUES CARTIER-LASALLE COUNTY, QUE.—SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS

Question No. 303—Mr. Rock:

1. What is the number of loans made in 1960-61 under the Small Businesses Loans Act in the county of Jacques Cartier-Lasalle?

2. What was the amount of each loan?

3. How many requests for loans were rejected?

4. What were the reasons for rejection?

Answer by: Mr. Graftyey:

1. Information on loans is not assembled to provide a detailed breakdown by local areas.

2. Answered by 1.

3. Not known.

4. Not known.

WORLD'S FAIR SITE

Question No. 309—Mr. Rock:

Will the government give consideration to using vacant land in the county of Jacques-Cartier-Lasalle, on the western side of the island of Montreal, as the site for the 1967 world's fair?

Answer by: Mr. Sevigny:

Since no decision has been made regarding the location of the proposed world's fair in 1967, any consideration of the site would be premature at this time.

BAIT DEPOTS, NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 311—Mr. Cashin:

Does the government have any plan to increase the number of bait depots now in operation in the province of Newfoundland?