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the major components of the numerous legislative measures comprising the veterans charter which were enacted by parliament to assist in the return to civilian life of those who saw active service in world war II or with the special force in Korea. The benefits of the Veterans' Land Act are alternative to those provided by the War Service Grants Act and the Veterans Rehabilitation Act.

Members of the regular forces of Canada who have had long service careers are eligible to apply for the benefits of the Veterans' Land Act if they served on active service in either of the abovementioned conflicts. However, it would not be in accordance with the purpose and intent of that act to make its provisions applicable to those who did not so serve.

SALE OF OXENDEN DOCK, ONTARIO

Question No. 547-Mr. Noble:

 $1. \ \mbox{Were}$ tenders called for sale of the Oxenden dock?

2. Has the Oxenden dock been sold and if so, to whom and at what price?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): In so far as Crown Assets Disposal Corporation is concerned, the answers are as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Yes, Mr. Lloyd Ruffett, Wiarton, Ontario \$510.

*EXPENDITURES ON SMOKING EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE TO TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Question No. 554-Mr. Mather:

1. What was the 1966 amount, in dollars, which the Department of National Health and Welfare spent on the promotion of public education in the field of cigarette smoking and disease?

2. What was the 1966 amount, in dollars, which the Department of Agriculture spent in assisting the research, maintenance or development of the tobacco industry?

[Translation]

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of National Health and Welfare and Agriculture as follows:

1. \$129,612.

2. \$465,609.

[English]

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, QUEBEC

Question No. 557-Mr. Godin:

1. How many persons receive old age assistance in the province of Quebec?

2. What was the federal government's share of this assistance for each year from 1960 to 1966?

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Questions

[Translation]

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. 22,784 as of September 1967.

2. 1960-61, \$10,977,064; 1961-62, \$10,896,302; 1962-63, \$13,793,745; 1963-64, \$13,860,075; 1964-65, \$16,589,045. 1965-66*

*In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, no payments were made to Quebec in 1965-66.

[English]

*ROYAL CANADIAN MEDICAL CORPS

Question No. 579-Mr. Lambert:

1. What is the October 31, 1967, strength of medical officers of all ranks in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps?

2. Of this number, how many possessed postgraduate and/or specialist qualifications?

3. How many medical students are pursuing their studies under R.O.T.P. as of the same date?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The answer to part 1 is, 390; to part 2, 189, and to part 3, 165.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES OF CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 149-Mr. Godin:

1. What are the capital expenditures of each of the proprietary corporations as defined in the Financial Administration Act, for each of the past three years?

2. Does the government exercise any supervision over the capital expenditures of the proprietary crown corporations?

3. When making capital expenditures, are crown corporations required to take industrial decentralization into account and, if so, what precisely is their policy as to industrial decentralization?

4. If not, does the government intend to issue directives to the said corporations ordering that they take industrial decentralization into account?

Return tabled.

SUBSIDIARIES OF PROPRIETARY CORPORATIONS

Question No. 285-Mr. Caouette:

1. In what companies do proprietary crown corporations, within the meaning of the Financial Administration Act, own shares, and in what amounts?

2. Who appoints the directors of the subsidiaries of the proprietary corporations?

3. What is the share capital of these subsidiaries?