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GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION OF STOL AIRCRAFT AS FEEDER PLANES

Question No. 1,388—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. What consideration is being given by the government to the participation in the development of STOL aircraft as feeder planes to areas of high population?

2. Has consultation been initiated with private companies with regard to the implementation of such a programme and, if so, which companies?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. Consideration and study are being given to all applications of STOL air transport systems in Canada. These applications include: (a) city-centre to city-centre; (b) regional, that is a service to improve transport and communication in less heavily populated areas; (c) feeder, including service from small centres to major urban centres and service connecting various centres to major airports, and (d) applications unique to northern areas of Canada. The announcement of a program to establish a demonstration service made on 13 May, is for a city centre service. Other applications will continue to receive examination and where it proves efficient and economical services may be introduced appropriate to these applications.

2. The Minister of Transport has met with groups from the Air Industries Association of Canada (AIAC) to discuss STOL programs and to hear the industries' views on a National Major Program. The AIAC represents most of the manufacturing companies in Canada who have an interest in STOL.

CNR HOTELS IN CANADA OPERATING AT A LOSS IN 1969-70 AND 1970-71

Question No. 1,392—**Mr. McGrath:**

What CNR hotels in Canada operated at a loss during the fiscal years 1969/70 and 1970/71?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: Hotel Bessborough, and Hotel Macdonald.

P.E.I. DEVELOPMENT PLAN BUDGET

Question No. 1,441—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. Has a budget been submitted by the Province of Prince Edward Island to the Government of Canada with respect to moneys required for the fiscal year 1971-72 under the P.E.I. Development Plan and, if so, what are the details?

2. Has the whole or any part of the submitted budget been approved by the federal government and, if so, what are the details of the projects approved?

**Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** 1. The Province of Prince Edward Island does not submit a budget to the Government of Canada. Program proposals within the plan are developed jointly.

2. All the proposals are not yet final. When they are, the program expenditures will be made public.

Order of Return

CIRCULATION AND COST OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATION, "NEWS"

Question No. 1,461—**Mr. McCutcheon:**

1. What is the total circulation of the *News* published by the Information Division, Department of Agriculture?

2. What is the annual cost of this publication?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. The circulation of the weekly publication *News* is 2,535.

2. Annual cost—\$13,520.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

1971 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Question No. 1,248—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

1. For the 1971 Census of Agriculture (a) how many questionnaires will be used (b) how many questions will be asked?

2. How many and which rural areas were chosen to test the draft agricultural questionnaire in the Fall of 1968?

3. For the Agriculture quality check program (a) what percentage of all census-farms will be re-enumerated (b) what will be the area sample (c) what will be the questions?

4. For the 1971 Census of Canada will the government hire university students as enumerators and, if so, how many?

Return tabled.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

FEDERAL POSITION ON CHANGES TO INCREASE PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION OVER SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he has agreed in principle that the federal government will accept constitutional changes increasing provincial jurisdiction with regard to income support and social service programs, or at least enlarging the area of the priority of provincial legislation in these fields?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, no agreement has been reached with any of the provinces concerning any constitutional amendments beyond those which were mentioned in the communiqué of the February conference. Of course, as the Leader of the Opposition knows, there has been discussion by some provinces of amendments they would like to see made to the constitution, particularly concerning social security matters.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Is, therefore, the position of the federal government with regard to federal and provincial jurisdiction in the areas of income support and social service programs and the respective priority of federal and provincial jurisdiction in those areas the same as that set