

## Order Paper Questions

AGRICULTURE CANADA RESEARCH CENTRE, LONDON, ONT.

## Question No. 655—Mr. McKenzie:

1. Will the Department of Agriculture expand the Agriculture Canada Research Centre in London, Ontario at the University of Western Ontario and, if so (a) on what date will it be completed (b) at what cost?

2. What is the projected cost of moving to such a facility?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. The Department of Agriculture has received preliminary approval to design a new office-laboratory for the Agriculture Canada Research Centre in London, Ontario. The proposed office-laboratory will replace leased facilities on Richmond Street and serve as an adjunct to the main facility located on the campus of the University of Western Ontario. The proposed office-laboratory is estimated to cost \$11.2 million and is tentatively scheduled for completion in May of 1987.

2. The cost of moving to the new facility is estimated at \$40,000.

## RCMP SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT

## Question No. 669—Mr. Knowles:

1. On March 31 of (a) 1981 (b) 1982 (c) 1983 what total amount was at the credit of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Account?

2. In the fiscal year (a) 1980-81 (b) 1981-82 (c) 1982-83 what (i) average rate of interest did the government pay for the use of the money in the Account (ii) total amount of interest was paid into the Account (iii) total amount was paid out of the Account?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** In so far as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is concerned:

1.	(a)	March 31, 1981	\$1,032,985,638
	(b)	March 31, 1982	\$1,212,155,986
	(c)	March 31, 1983	\$1,391,538,970
2.	(i)	(a) 1980/81	6.36 per cent
		(b) 1981/82	6.36 per cent
		(c) 1982/83	6.36 per cent
	(ii)	(a) 1980/81	\$ 58,765,937
		(b) 1981/82	\$ 67,990,342
		(c) 1982/83	\$102,510,707
	(iii)	(a) 1980/81	\$16,251,967
		(b) 1981/82	\$19,029,722
		(c) 1982/83	\$20,221,166

[English]

**Mr. Evans:** I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## CANADA LABOUR CODE

## MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Ouellet that Bill C-34, an Act to amend the Canada Labour Code and the Financial Administration Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, when I was speaking prior to the noon break I had commented on a number of changes which are proposed in Bill C-34, an Act to amend the Canada Labour Code and the Financial Administration Act. I would like to take the time remaining to comment on matters which are in the purview of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Ouellet) and which have either not been dealt with or may have been very lightly touched upon in the Bill.

The Minister of Labour has two very significant reports before him. One is the report of the Commission of Inquiry into Part-time Work. That report was submitted to the Minister in April of 1983, over a year ago. However, there is almost no mention in the Bill of part-time work, the relationship of part-time workers to the Canadian labour force, and amendments which are required in that area. The other report is entitled *In the Chips: Opportunities, People, Partnerships*. That report deals with the question of micro-electronics and employment and was submitted to the Minister in 1982. Those are two very major areas of work standards yet they have not been touched upon in this Bill.

I would like to cite some reasons which will indicate why I am so concerned about these areas. There are 2.5 million or more part-time workers in this country. Approximately two million of those workers are women. These figures are predicted to grow steadily in the years ahead. However, if we look at part-time workers and the benefits accorded to them, we will see immediately that most of them are not eligible for benefits such as pensions, medical insurance and disability insurance. On average they receive about three-quarters the rate of income paid to full-time employees.

However, it is not until one realizes how important are the wages brought into a family by those who work on a part-time basis that we see the desperate need for reform. In the report of Labour Canada's own Commission of Inquiry into Part-Time Work, that fact is very clearly established. There is a reference on page 105 of that report which I would like to cite. It reads:

The myth that women are working merely for pin-money, to buy a few little extras for themselves or their families, was firmly denounced by many briefs to the Commission... Numerous studies have shown that the vast majority of women work in order to supplement their family income and that their salaries are an important part of that income. Nor could the Commission's research find evidence to support the pin-money argument.