

Questions

	Capital	Total
1959	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 51,843.00
1960	15,793.71	82,594.47
1961	13,916.62	94,153.50
1962	10,426.45	110,936.19
1963	138,583.01	240,242.07
*1964	NIL	27,330.00

(\* cloud seeding carried out in 1964.)

(b) The data obtained from this project is now under evaluation, however, analysis is not yet complete. Results are therefore not available at this time.

[Text]

INVESTIGATION INTO SUGAR PRICES

Question No. 2,208—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. Has an investigation been carried out under the provisions of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act to determine the cause of last year's high sugar prices and, if so, what were the conclusions arrived at following the investigation?

2. If not, why was such an investigation not instituted?

**Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice):** 1. No formal inquiry was instituted under the Combines Investigation Act.

2. In his annual report for the year ended March 31, 1964, at pages 36-38, the director of investigation and research under the Combines Investigation Act reported that because of public concern regarding the high level of sugar prices and fluctuations in the price of this commodity, the domestic sugar industry was subjected to very close scrutiny to determine whether there was any cause for inquiry under the act. He stated that his assessment of the situation, based on the information available, was that the price behaviour of the industry and other factors known to the combines branch did not disclose the likelihood that evidence of an offence would be forthcoming and that, therefore, he did not have proper grounds for undertaking a formal inquiry under section 8 of the act. The director also stated the industry would continue to be the subject of close surveillance by the combines branch.

ALLEGED MONOPOLY AMONG PENCIL COMPANIES

Question No. 2,209—**Mr. Marcoux:**

1. Has the restrictive trade practices commission carried out an enquiry concerning the entry into reciprocal agreements to eliminate competition and the establishment of an illegal monopoly by Eagle Pencil Company of Canada Ltd., Dixon Pencil Company Ltd., Eberhard Faber Pencil Co. Canada 1955 Ltd., and Venus Pencil Company Ltd., all of Toronto, Ontario and, if so (a) has the Minister of

Justice received a report thereon from the restrictive trade practices commission (b) what action has the government taken on such report? 2. If no action has been taken when and what action does the government intend to take in this regard?

**Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice):** 1. (a) A report of the restrictive trade practices commission in an inquiry under the Combines Investigation Act concerning the manufacture, distribution and sale of pencils which relates to the above companies was received by the Minister of Justice and made public on October 20, 1964. (b) The report and evidence have been referred to council with instructions to institute proceedings unless he comes to the conclusion that the evidence is insufficient.

2. Answered by 1.

HAMILTON, ONT., POST OFFICE—CHRISTMAS HELP

Question No. 2,212—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

Will the Hamilton, Ontario, post office hire temporary Christmas help and, if so (a) how many (b) in which positions, and (c) at what wages?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General):**

(a)	(b)	(c)
200	Helper on letter carrier work	\$1.25
700	Helper on postal clerk work	\$1.00
900		

\*BILINGUAL CAP AND UNIFORM FLASHES, C.N.R.

Question No. 2,226—**Mr. Pigeon:**

Is the Canadian National Railways considering the possibility of having bilingual wording on cap and uniform flashes for Canadian National Railways employees and, if not, for what reason?

[Translation]

**Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** According to the information we received from the Canadian National Railways the reply is yes.

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REPAIRS TO LAUNCHING RAMP, DYER'S BAY, ONT.

Question No. 2,239—**Mr. Loney:**

Has an inspection been made this fall of the small craft launching ramp at Dyer's Bay, Ontario, and, if so, have repairs and alterations been recommended at that place?

**Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works):** Yes, but no repairs or alterations were recommended.