

## Questions

**Mr. McCann:**

1. Information is not available of the number of farmers, by provinces, upon whom exchequer court writs have been served following non-payment of income tax, or the total amount involved by provinces.

2. Information is not available on the value of property sold for non-payment of income tax.

## CANADIAN FORCES—DEDUCTIONS FROM SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

**Mr. Nowlan:**

1. Are moneys withheld or deductions made from the subsistence allowances of members of the armed forces of Canada occupying homes situated on army camps, naval establishments, or air force stations?

2. If so, has there been any increase in the amounts so withheld or deducted?

3. If there has been an increase in the amounts so withheld or deducted, when did they become effective, and what was the amount of such increases for each of the respective ranks of (a) the navy; (b) the army; (c) the air force?

**Mr. Blanchette:**

1. No. Members of the armed forces occupying permanent and temporary married quarters situated in army camps, naval establishments or air force stations and provided with rations, are not entitled to subsistence allowance and therefore no moneys are withheld nor are deductions made in these cases. The subsistence allowance is not intended to represent the actual cost of quarters and rations outside of service establishments but is considered in the nature of an allowance in lieu. Subsistence allowance is paid only to those members of the armed forces for whom rations and quarters are not provided.

2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

## HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS—PAYMENTS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS AND PENSIONS TO THE BLIND

**Mr. Catherwood:**

1. What was the total amount of money paid to provinces for hospital construction in the years 1949-50?

2. What was the total amount of money paid in old age pensions in the years 1949-50?

3. What was the total amount of money paid in pensions for the blind in the years 1949-50?

**Mr. McCusker:**

1. Fiscal year 1949-50, \$6,803,858.75.

Amounts expended under the national health grants program represent only payment by the Department of National Health and Welfare to the provinces of claims submitted by them covering accounts (properly audited) which have been paid by the provinces and for which they are entitled

[Mr. Argue.]

to be reimbursed. Expenditures by the Department of National Health and Welfare do not in any way represent the amounts actually spent by the provinces on projects for which approval has been given by the department. In the case of the hospital construction grant, claims by the provinces in respect of approved projects are submitted in four instalments, namely, upon completion 25 per cent, 50 per cent, 75 per cent and 100 per cent of construction. The period of construction of nearly all projects extends over one or more fiscal years.

2. Fiscal year 1949-50, \$119,535,530.31.

3. Fiscal year 1949-50, \$4,715,466.17.

Note re 2 and 3 above: Amounts shown cover pensions paid (both the federal share of 75 per cent and the provincial share of 25 per cent) under the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act but do not include provincial supplemental allowances.

## COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT GRAIN COMMISSIONER, SASKATCHEWAN

**Mr. Wright:**

1. From what points and on what dates were written complaints received in the office of the assistant grain commissioner in the province of Saskatchewan, between August 1, 1949, and February 1, 1951?

2. On what dates were they investigated?

**Mr. McIlraith:**

1 and 2. Written complaints received in office of assistant commissioner for Saskatchewan, August 1, 1949, to February 1, 1951, from the following points:

Tadmire, received October 3, 1949, investigated October 5-6, 1949.

Waldheim, received October 21, 1949, investigated October 22, 1949.

Cavell, received October 22, 1949, investigated November 8, 1949.

Fairy Glen, received November 8, 1949, investigated November 14, 1949.

Elkhorn, received November 21, 1949, investigated December 1-2, 1949.

Moosomin, received November 28, 1949, investigated November 30, 1949.

Meath Park, received December 13, 1949, investigated January 5, 1950.

Tisdale, received July 24, 1950, investigated August 9, 1950.

Meacham, received September 16, 1950, investigated September 23, 1950.

Lockwood, received September 25, 1950, investigated September 25-26, 1950.

Moose Jaw, received October 7, 1950, investigated October 21 and November 2, 1950.

Aberdeen, received October 11, 1950, investigated October 13, 1950.