

FARM CASH RECEIPTS IN PAST TEN YEARS

Question No. 606—**Mr. Korchinski:**

1. In each of the past ten years, what were the total farm cash receipts for wheat, oats, barley, rye, flax and rapeseed in the Wheat Board area?

2. In the same period of time, what amount of money was paid under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act?

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CMHC—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOW-COST HOUSING

Question No. 622—**Mr. Alexander:**

1. (a) How many different projects received financial assistance from the \$200 million fund allocated to CMHC in 1970 for the purpose of encouraging innovative approaches in the construction of low-cost housing (b) where were they located?

2. Which construction companies were involved in these projects?

3. (a) In which cases does CMHC expect to make a profit from the operations of projects for which it has provided, through the renting of commercial space or other means (b) what use will be made by CMHC of these funds?

4. How will tenants be chosen for these projects in which CMHC has an interest?

5. What innovations were submitted and accepted?

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CMHC—MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES 1968-70

Question No. 655—**Mr. Fortin:**

By province, during the years 1968, 1969, 1970, were seizures made by CMHC and, if so, how many were (a) as mortgage foreclosures (b) as lapse of sale?

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PUBLIC SERVICE

PROGRAM FOR HIRING OF FRANCOPHONE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister relating to the program the federal government is now organizing to provide \$2 million for the purpose of hiring unemployed Francophone university and college graduates this year. I should like to ask him whether there is any justification for the government keeping this program secret from the Public Service Alliance, Parliament and the people of Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it was not the intention to keep this program secret. Indeed, in answer to the question I should like to table a copy of a statement made today by my colleague, the President of the Treasury Board, dealing with this question.

Inquiries of the Ministry

An hon. Member: Why didn't he make it in the House?

Mr. Diefenbaker: He should have made it in the House. He is running away today.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Of course the Acting Prime Minister can only table the document with the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, since the Acting Prime Minister says it was not intended that this program be kept secret, can he give the House some explanation of why the document circulated by the Public Service Commission of Canada contained the note: "This information is confidential and no official announcement will be made"? Has the Acting Prime Minister any explanation to give in that regard?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I believe that an explanation can be given and I suggest that when the President of the Treasury Board is here tomorrow these questions should be directed to him. The reason he made a statement to the press is that the press had been asking him questions and he felt, therefore, that he should not delay his answer.

Mr. Diefenbaker: He has run away from the House.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether it is now the policy of the government of Canada to develop employment projects in the Public Service designed to assist specific language groups and, if so, where the parliamentary authorization exists for such projects?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I think the answer given publicly by the President of the Treasury Board, which my hon. friend apparently does not want to see, does deal with some of these questions.

An hon. Member: It does not deal with it.

Mr. Sharp: I suggest that questions can be put quite properly tomorrow and that the delay will not make any difference.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the hon. member for Egmont is rising on a question of privilege.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): I suggest to Your Honour, Sir, and to hon. members that the House is now in danger of establishing a very unhealthy precedent in view of the fact that this important question has come to light and that ministers of the government feel they are not able to express themselves other than on days when they are supposed to be in the House under an informal system which has in no way been recognized by Your