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# **COMMONS DEBATES**

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Questions

Total Value of Sales of Wheat, Cattle and Hogs, Canada, 1949-1965

	Wheat Payments on Delivery	Canadian Wheat Board Interim & Final Payments	Total Wheat	Cattle	Hogs
		thousands			8
1949	470,469	211,337	681,806	361,524	291,904
1950	378,533	7,525	386,058	423,394	286,869
1951	423,050	271,350	694,400	478,783	339,647
1952	587,500	165,708	753,208	350,778	337,823
1953	655,475	125,353	780,828	341,421	298,972
1954	323,854	97,393	421,247	334,806	321,641
1955	331,834	25,717	357,551	377,954	289,563
1956	461,795	61,987	523,782	390,982	298,246
1957	379,415	79,314	458,729	413,616	292,142
1958	437,053	64,258	501,311	509,850	325,094
1959	435,260	72,662	507,922	475,090	345,034
1960	444,652	70,640	515,292	484,954	277,590
1961	487,320	122,330	609,650	534,138	317,745
1962	526,527	152,523	679,050	573,669	330,301
1963	598,102	123,968	722,070	550,342	318,174
1964	741,004	199,744	940,748	559,577	325,526
1965	660,057	271,974	932,031	671,183	380,035

### INTRODUCTION OF METRIC SYSTEM

## Question No. 728-Mr. Bell (Carleton):

1. What consideration has been given by the government to the introduction in Canada of the metric system?

2. Has any report been made to the government relating to the advantages and/or disadvantages of the introduction of the metric system including the cost thereof and, if so, when and by whom?

3. Have any discussions or negotiations been undertaken with any international organization or other country on this subject and, if so, what is the nature and result of such discussions or negotiations?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1. The metric system is already a legal system of measurement in Canada.

2. While various representations have been received no comprehensive report has been made to the government relating to advantages, disadvantages, and costs involved.

3. No formal discussions or negotiations have been undertaken.

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Question No. 738-Mr. Godin:

1. What was the total amount disbursed by the government, as old age assistance, during the years 1964 and 1965 (a) for Canada (b) for the province of Quebec (c) for the county of Portneuf?

2. For the same areas and during the same years, how many persons received the above assistance?

3. For the same areas and during the same years, how many applications were received by the government for such assistance and (a) how many of these applications were accepted and (b) how many were rejected?

#### [Translation]

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

1. Fiscal years 1963-64 1964-65	Canada \$39,208,181 \$44,990,955		
2. 1963-64 1964-65	105, <b>241</b> 107,354		Not avail. Not avail.
3.1963-64 1964-65	34,668 35,054		Not avail. Not avail.
(a) Approved			
1963-64	30,466	10,814	Not avail.
1964-65	31,004	11,193	Not avail.
(b) Rejected			
1963-64	4,202	1,226	Not avail.
1964-65	4,050	1,073	Not avail.