

FEASIBILITY STUDY, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE BY CANADIAN METHODS

Question No. 2,623—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Was there a competitive tender by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce regarding the feasibility study on introducing Canadian timber-frame construction methods in France?
2. If so, what were the names of the bidders for this study?
3. If not, why was Campeau Corporation of Ottawa chosen for this study?
4. What financial amount was given to the Campeau Corporation for this feasibility study?
5. What were the results of this feasibility study?
6. What financial and other arrangements have been made with the Campeau Corporation as a result of this study?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. No. This is a private enterprise project with Government assistance directed at increasing the export of Canadian building materials.

2. Not applicable.

3. The Canadian Home Manufacturers Association, whose members comprise pre-fabricated housing producers from across Canada, was asked to suggest representation on the Special Housing Study Mission to France, March 30 to April 6, 1968. Their selection included Campeau Corporation Limited of Ottawa. As a result of the Mission, Campeau Corporation Ltd. concluded that a project of this nature would be of interest to them if assistance from the Canadian Government could be obtained. In considering their request for assistance, the Department noted that Campeau Corporation Ltd. had the necessary expertise in major single family housing project developments and factory assembly of components, as well as a French-speaking capability for supervisory and labour training purposes. In these respects, they met the essential criteria suggested by the special mission.

4. The agreement with Campeau Corporation Ltd. covering the feasibility and information study provides for the payment of the costs of the study in an amount not to exceed \$97,000.

5. The study, the results of which will be made available to Canadian home builders, is not yet complete. Findings to date support proceeding with five prototype houses to confirm these findings.

6. The Department is negotiating with Campeau Corporation Ltd. with respect to assistance to be provided for the construction of the five prototype houses for demonstration purposes, the amount of such assistance not to exceed \$140,500.

Orders for Returns
WEATHER FORECASTING, SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 2,627—**Mr. Southam:**

1. Has the government studied the problem of weather forecasting in Southern Saskatchewan particularly with respect to the forecast for the higher altitudes and, if so, what are the results of such studies?
2. If such facilities are not available to assist farmers in accurately planning their day-to-day operations, on what date is it expected that such facilities will be available?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): 1. Yes.

2. In addition to facilities already in being, improvements planned for the area over the next two fiscal years include the installation of two new weather reporting stations and the expansion of the weather reporting program at Kindersley.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

GRAIN—AMOUNT SOLD AND PAYMENTS POSITIONS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Question No. 2,196—**Mr. Dionne:**

1. What amount of wheat, oats and barley was harvested in Canada during the years 1966, 1967 and 1968?
2. How much of this grain was sold to mills in Canada during the same years and for what prices?
3. How much of this grain was sold to foreign countries during the same years and for what prices?
4. What was the amount paid by each of the purchasing countries during the same years?
5. Which of the countries purchasing wheat or other grain have not paid for their purchases to date, and what is the amount owed by each?

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DEFENCE PRODUCTION—COST OF INFORMATION SERVICE AND NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS

Question No. 2,462—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Defence Production provide an information service and, if so, what was the cost for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?
2. How many publications and/or periodicals and/or information sheets and/or public releases were provided by the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive and what was the cost for each publication for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?
3. How many copies of each publication are provided and to whom are they distributed and how is the distribution effected?

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