

2. The point system was abandoned because it filled available married quarters mainly with senior personnel with long service and discriminated against junior rank, lower paid men with less service. In addition, positions on the roster were never assured as a newcomer to the base with more points could take precedence over someone who had been there for some time. The first come, first served system permits members with varying lengths of service and income levels to be treated equitably without fear of displacement and provides increased opportunity for junior men in the lower income brackets to occupy married quarters.

3. Initially, the first come, first served allocation policy was questioned by some officers, warrant officers and senior N.C.O.s who, under the point system, enjoyed an advantage over the junior lower rank, lower paid men with less service. However, the new system appears to have gained general acceptance and support as being the most equitable method possible.

4. Several inequities in the system have been corrected; if others become apparent, steps will be taken to correct them. There are provisions in the system to safeguard the interest of all categories of married servicemen, such as: (a) a married member without children or one child is permitted to compete for a two bedroom home only, thus protecting the larger homes for larger families. (b) the available married quarters are distributed among the different rank groups in direct proportion to their numbers, thus ensuring an equitable distribution among all ranks. A member then competes on a first come, first served basis for the married quarters apportioned to his rank group.

ANTI-SUBMARINE HYDROFOIL SHIP

Question No. 591—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. How much (a) time (b) money, has been expended on the all-Canadian anti-submarine hydrofoil ship?

2. What was the original estimate of the cost of the project?

3. When is it anticipated the hydrofoil ship will be placed in service?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. (a) Initial design leading to construction of the anti-submarine hydrofoil ship commenced in May, 1963; (b) As of 1 October, 1967, \$39.6 million, including that spent on the weapons system.

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2. The first estimate based on the present configuration of the ship and its weapons system was \$20.7 million in August 1964.

3. The prime contractor's current plan is to launch the ship in Sorel in the autumn of 1968 and to begin sea trials approximately six weeks after launch.

CONTINUATION OF ATTRACTIONS ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Question No. 592—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Does the government intend to retain the centennial flame as a permanent feature of parliament hill?

2. Will the changing of the guard ceremony be featured on parliament hill during the summer months of 1968?

3. Is it being planned to have summer concerts on the hill during 1968?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Public Works, National Defence and my department as follows: 1. When the decision was taken to provide a centennial flame the decision was that the flame should not be maintained in perpetuity but should be for the centennial year. That decision has not been varied.

2. As in the past, a decision on whether or not this ceremony will be performed on the hill in 1968 will be made in the spring.

3. No.

ARDA PROJECTS IN QUEBEC

Question No. 609—**Mr. Forest:**

1. Did the federal government, through ARDA, contribute financially to the establishment of camping grounds in Mont Orford provincial park in the province of Quebec?

2. If so, in what amount and in what proportion to the share of the provincial government?

3. Since 1961, what projects have been accepted in the provincial counties of Stanstead, Brome and Missisquoi, and what amounts were promised or paid for each?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): 1. There has been no direct contribution toward the cost of building camping grounds. Federal ARDA, however, has paid \$7,500 for the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the development of the camping facilities.

2. Not applicable.

3. The following projects have been approved for the provincial counties of Stanstead, Brome and Missisquoi: