

## CHARLES CAMSELL HOSPITAL, ALTA.

Question No. 2,239—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Was the Charles Camsell Hospital in Alberta transferred to the province and, if so (a) on what date (b) what was the number of employees on staff at the time?
2. What amount was included in the 1979-80 and 1980-81 estimates for the cost of operating the hospital?
3. (a) Was an agreement signed with the government of Alberta to protect the accumulated seniority, sickness, holiday and pension rights of the employees (b) what were the monetary terms of the agreement?
4. Has the government retained a continuing role in the use or administration of the hospital?

**Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned:

1. (a) Yes—at 00:01 hours on December 1, 1980.  
(b) 648 employees.
2. 1979-80—\$11,976,000.  
1980-81—\$9,787,000.
3. (a) Yes.  
(b) The Government of Canada will pay the province of Alberta the sum of \$1,043,000 for the purpose of upgrading the Charles Camsell Hospital. The Government of Canada will also pay for the transferred vacation and furlough leave credits and the transferred pension credits.
4. The Charles Camsell Hospital will provide, free of rent, an area of 433 square feet on the 4th floor, for a period of five years. This will be used by the Government of Canada for their Northern Health Research Program. The Government of Canada has no continuing role in the administration of the hospital.

## DND—TEACHERS OVERSEAS PROGRAM

Question No. 2,278—**Mr. McKnight:**

For each year 1975 to 1980, by province and by territory, what was the number of teachers selected under the two-year Department of National Defence Dependents Schools Overseas Program?

**Mrs. Ursula Appoloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):**

Province	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
British Columbia	13	13	17	17	14
Alberta	3	12	4	1	8
Saskatchewan	6	7	3	4	3
Manitoba	6	5	4	7	9
Ontario	43	52	67	37	50
Quebec	19	11	7	18	15
New Brunswick	0	3	1	0	2
Nova Scotia	4	3	2	2	3
Prince Edward Island	0	1	0	2	1
Newfoundland	0	0	1	0	1
Yukon and Northwest Territories	1	0	0	1	2

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[English]

**Madam Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

**Mr. Collette:** Madam Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Madam Speaker:** The remaining questions shall stand.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## THE CONSTITUTION

## RESOLUTION RESPECTING CONSTITUTION ACT, 1981

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Chrétien, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for an Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada.

And on the amendment of Mr. Epp, seconded by Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton)—That the motion be amended in Schedule B of the proposed resolution by deleting Clause 46, and by making all necessary changes to the Schedule consequential thereto.

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to finish the remarks I started some time ago on this resolution. I am mindful of the statement of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) in Vancouver that if the country splits up over his constitutional resolution then the country is not worth saving. What an arrogant, narrow attitude for a Prime Minister to have.

Before I leave the first schedule and move on to the charter of rights, I would like to refer to the part of the resolution which would repeal Section 20 of the British North America Act. Section 20 reads as follows:

There shall be a Session of the Parliament of Canada once at least in every Year, so that Twelve Months shall not intervene between the last Sitting of the Parliament in one Session and its first Sitting in the next Session.

I must ask what the Prime Minister's purpose is in seeking to have Section 20 repealed. Why should we give any Prime Minister, especially the present one, the right to call Parliament into session or not call it into session, as he wishes? Should the Prime Minister be allowed to run the country without having to convene Parliament? In theory and in practice, if Section 20 is repealed, a Prime Minister could run the country for a year, or even longer, as his private fiefdom, substituting orders in council for acts of Parliament.

In the second place, I cannot think of one single reason why anyone would want to wipe this or any other item of Canadian history off the books. To do so would not serve any useful purpose or add anything to the sense or purpose of this document. What it does is point to the sinister purpose behind the inclusion of this schedule in the resolution and, indeed, the whole resolution itself.