

Questions

	1962	1963	1964
B. Balance after allowance for special government transactions \$ bn. U.S.	-2.2	-2.6	-2.8
Balance per capita \$U.S.	-\$11.79	-\$13.73	-\$14.64
C. Change in U.S. holdings of gold and convertible currencies and in liquid liabilities after allowance for all special transactions, \$ bn. U.S.	-2.2	-1.9	-2.4
Balance per capita U.S.	-\$11.79	-\$10.03	-\$12.55

PRICE FIXING IN COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS

Question No. 2,908—**Mr. McCutcheon:**

1. What steps has the department taken in regard to complaints concerning rumoured price fixing by companies engaged in the manufacture and supply of commercial fertilizers to the farm trade?

2. Is any investigation being undertaken by the government?

Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): 1. The director of investigation and research under the Combines Investigation Act informs me that he has received no recent complaints of alleged price fixing by manufacturers and suppliers of commercial fertilizers to the farm trade. I would suggest that if the hon. member or any other persons have any information which would indicate price fixing in this industry, they should bring it to the attention of the director in order that he may consider whether formal inquiry is warranted.

2. Answered by 1.

BENEFITS TO CIVIL SERVANTS TRANSFERRED TO CANADIAN ARSENALS

Question No. 2,919—**Mr. Beaulé:**

Does the Minister of Defence Production intend to grant the 17 civil servants who were transferred from the civil service commission to Canadian arsenals at Valcartier and who have waived company benefits, the privileges enjoyed by employees of the public service as well as Messrs. F. T. Duchesnes, manager, Paul Dusseault, Georges Lemieux and Paul Bouchard, all of Canadian arsenals at Valcartier?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): I am advised by Canadian Arsenals Limited that this request has been under study for several months and it has now been decided,

as a company policy, that employees who were temporary civil servants at the time of their transfer to Canadian Arsenals Limited in 1946 will be granted leave benefits similar to those guaranteed to employees who were permanent civil servants at the time of their transfer to the company.

OOKPIK

Question No. 2,922—**Mr. Smallwood:**

1. When was the Ookpik symbol adopted by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources?

2. What contracts, if any, have been entered into for the production and sale of Ookpik?

3. Since Ookpik production was started by the Fort Chimo Eskimos, what has been the department's warehouse inventory of Ookpiks, month by month?

4. What was the cost of promoting the Ookpik symbol?

5. Have steps been taken to protect this symbol and have any legal actions been taken in that regard?

6. What proceeds have been received by the department from the sale of Ookpik and what disposition has been made of these funds?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): 1. The first use of the Ookpik was effected at the Canadian trade fair in Philadelphia in November, 1963. Notice concerning the adoption and use of Ookpik as a mark by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources appeared in the Trade Marks Journal No. 494, volume II, of March 11, 1964. The originators of Ookpik, the Fort Chimo co-operative association, have by agreement with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources received restricted commercial rights covering Ookpik.

2. The Fort Chimo co-operative association announced at a press conference on March 3, 1965, that it had entered into licence agreements for production and sale of Ookpiks with the following companies: Canadian Handicraft & Fur Mfg., Montreal; Ganz Bros. Toys Ltd., Toronto; Reliable Toy Company, Toronto; United Children's Wear Ltd., Montreal; Olympic Knit & Sportswear Ltd., Winnipeg; Ray-Knit Manufacturing Co., Toronto; Warrendon Manufacturers & Suppliers, Ottawa; Canada Medal & Token Company, Aurora; Ampeco Limited, Scarborough; Hedy Hill Handmade Jewellery, Toronto; Toronto Telegram News Service, Toronto; Lydia Fashions Incorporated, Montreal; Miss M. W. L. Arvisais, Ottawa; Messrs. Charters & Scally, Ottawa; Fursyn Mfg. Co. Ltd., Toronto; Mrs. C. Martin, St. Claude, Manitoba; Messrs. Tichnovich & Kennedy, Toronto.