

Questions

ments des Bois-France, Victoriaville, Quebec; Produits Caillette Incorporated, Maskinonge, Quebec; Shefford Dairy Limited, Lawrenceville, Quebec; Cooperative Agricole de Maniwaki, Maniwaki, Quebec; Cooperative Agricole du bas St. Laurent, Mont-Joli, Quebec; Vermette & Fils, St. Agapit, Quebec; Ault Milk Products, Winchester, Ontario; Free's Creamery, Sunderland, Ontario; Kingston Creamery, Kingston, Ontario; Villa Nova Milk Products, Villa Nova, Ontario; Medway Creamery, Ilderton, Ontario; New Dundee Cooperative Creamery, New Dundee, Ontario; Pembroke Creamery, Pembroke, Ontario; Stacey Brothers, Mitchell, Ontario; Teeswater Creamery, Teeswater, Ontario; United Dairy Products Cooperative, Toronto, Ontario; Dairy & Poultry Pool, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Saskatchewan Cooperative Creameries, Regina, Saskatchewan; Manitoba Dairy & Poultry Pool, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Central Alberta Dairy Pool, Red Deer, Alberta; Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, Edmonton, Alberta; Crapaud Creamery, Crapaud, Prince Edward Island; Morell Creamery Cooperative Association, Morell, Prince Edward Island.

SALE OF SURPLUS ONTARIO AND QUEBEC BUTTER TO DEFICIENT PROVINCES

Question No. 899—Mr. Fairweather:

Will the Canadian Dairy Commission sell surplus butter from Ontario and Quebec to provinces which are deficient at the export price?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No.

EMPLOYMENT OF DR. GABRIEL SAAB BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Question No. 901—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

Does the federal government employ Dr. Gabriel Saab and, if so (a) is he employed by the Department of Agriculture (b) what is his status (c) what is his annual salary?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Dr. Gabriel Saab is (a) under contract with the Economics Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture for the period October 8, 1970 to March 31, 1971, to (b) co-ordinate special projects in the Province of Quebec related to agricultural adjustment requirements, with a salary of (c) \$2,000 per month—contract maximum, \$12,000.

*LINKING OF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS TO DEVELOPMENTAL FINANCE

Question No. 904—Mr. Fairweather:

Does the government share the view of the Committee on International Development, headed by the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, that the linking of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to development finance would be a useful new aid possibility and, if so, what steps has Canada taken to obtain acceptance of this idea by other governments?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the government has not yet arrived at a final position on the feasibility and desirability of establishing a link between special drawing rights and development finance. We do, however, regard it as an important proposal requiring serious consideration.

[Mr. Olson.]

The question was considered both at the last annual meeting of the Commonwealth Ministers of Finance in Cyprus and the last annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Copenhagen. It is also under current review in various international institutions such as the IMF and UNCTAD. We ourselves will be giving the matter further careful thought and will be participating in the various international discussions. We would hope in this way to obtain a clearer view of the complex and significant issues involved and to determine the extent to which there might be general international support for establishing a link.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

POST OFFICES CLOSED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1965— NEW FACILITIES

Question No. 145—Mr. Rynard:

1. Since January 1, 1965, how many post offices have been closed in (a) Ontario (b) Canada?
2. Since January 1, 1965, how many post offices have been built or are projected for areas with under 2,000 population and what have been the costs of each?
3. Since January 1, 1965, what was the total cost for all post office facilities operating from private residences or stores?
4. What is the present cost for a new post office established within the last five years for (a) postmaster (b) caretaking (c) heat and light (d) capital depreciation?

Return tabled.

PAYMENTS UNDER TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT— GRAIN SALES AND STOCKS ON HAND

Question No. 450—Mr. Korchinski:

1. Since the Temporary Wheat Reserve Act was introduced, what amount of money has been paid out by the government?
2. In the past 20 years, for (a) wheat (b) oats (c) barley (d) rye (e) flax (f) rapeseed (i) what was the total sales in terms of dollars (ii) what was the total stock on hand at commercial position at the end of each crop year (iii) what was the total domestic disappearance in each year (iv) what were the total exports in each year?

Return tabled.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, Notices of Motions Nos. 9 and 183 are acceptable to the government.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING INCORPORATION OF NCS FOUNDATION AND TRUST GÉNÉRAL DU CANADA

Motion No. 9—Mr. Saltsman:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and the NCS Foundation and Trust Général du Canada regarding its incorporation under the Canada Corporations Act.

Motion agreed to.