

Questions

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Finance arising out of the answers given to starred questions 289 and 298. I am not certain whether I should put a question or raise a matter of privilege. These starred questions were placed on the order paper to bring up to date information given last year by the Minister of Finance. Instead of raising a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether you would permit me to ask him a question. What distinction does he make between the information that he gave last year on the pension by-law and on the supervision of the pension fund and his answer today, in which he gave no information?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in the case of the one question I was asked to give an answer concerning payments made to a particular retired employee of the bank. That was the question as I understood it. I referred the matter to the bank for information and I gave an answer on information received. The bank has never followed the policy of disclosing payments made to retired employees.

The hon. member will recall that last summer we were dealing with a particular pension by-law. If he is referring to question 289 concerning the by-law, I may say that again I have given the answer with which I was furnished. The hon. member may know that I had some information on that subject which I gave to the public last summer, to the effect that the board of governors of the bank at its meeting on July 22, 1961 decided to seek a legal opinion on the validity of the bank's pension by-law and in particular rule 17 of that by-law. On the same day the board adopted a resolution suspending rule 17 of the by-law pending further consideration by the board, and it is my information that that continues to be the position.

***DOMINION-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT RESPECTING HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION**

Question No. 302—Mr. Racine:

Under the agreement entered into by the Department of National Health and Welfare and the provinces, does the power of initiative, with respect to the building of hospitals, as well as to the choice of sites therefor, rest with the federal department or with the provinces?

Mr. Monteith (Perth): Federal financial assistance toward building of hospitals is provided under the hospital construction grant, which is one of the national health grants made available to the provinces.

The federal government does not take the initiative in connection with the choice of sites, as hospital planning in general comes within the area of provincial responsibility. Although the initial request for a new hospital usually comes from the local community concerned, the provinces generally seek to relate such requests to over-all needs.

***FEDERAL BUILDING, EAST BEAUCEVILLE**

Question No. 303—Mr. Racine:

Has the Department of Public Works acquired a parcel of land in East Beauceville for the construction of a federal building; and, if so, what was the amount of the transaction, with whom was the transaction made, and on what date?

Mr. Walker: The answer is as follows:

1. Yes.
2. \$16,000.
3. Lorenzo Mathieu.
4. Deed dated September 26, 1961.

***DOMINION-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT RESPECTING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

Question No. 306—Mr. Racine:

Under the agreement entered into with the provinces concerning technical and vocational training, does the power of initiative, with respect to the building of schools, as well as to the choice of sites therefor, rest with the federal government or with the provincial governments?

Mr. Thrasher: Under the technical and vocational training agreements entered into with the provinces, the power of initiative with respect to the building of schools, as well as to the choice of sites, rests with the provincial governments.

MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION, NATIONAL FILM BOARD

Question No. 307—Mr. Hellyer:

1. How many original motion pictures have been produced, by or for, the national film board in each of the last five years?
2. How many original motion pictures have been produced for the national film board by private Canadian producers in each of the last five years?
3. How many original filmstrips have been produced, by or for, the national film board in each of the last five years?
4. How many original filmstrips have been produced for the national film board by private Canadian producers in each of the last five years?

Answer by: Mrs. Fairclough:

1.	1960-61	84
	1959-60	96
	1958-59	105
	1957-58	129
	1956-57	99
2.	1960-61	1
	1959-60	1
	1958-59	1
	1957-58	0
	1956-67	7