

Order Paper Questions

PUBLIC WORKS—PROTECTION OF FARMLAND AND PROPERTY FROM HIGH WATER LEVELS

Question No. 221—**Mr. Holmes:**

What action, if any, has the government taken to protect the farmland and property from the high water levels and impending flood conditions in (a) Dover township (b) Chatham township (c) Wallaceburg, Ontario?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): None. The policy of the Department of Public Works concerning shoreline erosion is that the government will contribute to the cost of shoreline protection in cases where erosion is directly attributable to commercial navigation or the presence of a federally owned structure. The department has in the past advised property owners of the types of engineering structures which could be used to advantage in their particular case but each case must be considered separately and on its own merit. Although some regulation of levels and flows is carried out on Lake Superior and Lake Ontario under joint action by the International Joint Commission, the general water level condition of the Great Lakes and in particular lakes Huron, St. Clair and Erie, are considered to be natural. Remedial measures for flood situations are a provincial responsibility and the federal government would only become involved in co-operation with the province in the event of emergency or disaster situations.

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SNOWMOBILE IMPORTS

Question No. 223—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

Did Canada import any snowmobiles in 1971 and 1972 and, if so, from what countries and what quantity was imported from each country?

[Mr. Reid.]

[Translation]

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics on imports of snowmobiles and snowmobile parts are provided in the attached table. Figures are not compiled separately on the import of snowmobiles only. For this reason, and also due to lack of complete documentation at the time of import it is not always possible to identify the number of complete units imported. Figures are not yet available for November and December of 1972.

Imports of Snowmobiles & Parts¹
1971

Country	Quantity	Value (\$)
United Kingdom		183,000
Austria		1,901,000
Belgium-Luxemb.		21,000
France		5,000
Germany West		356,000
Italy		81,000
Switzerland		3,000
Japan	6,969	5,523,000
United States	36,542	34,945,000
TOTAL	43,511	43,018,000

1972 (January to October)

Country	Quantity	Value (\$)
United Kingdom		75,000
Austria		1,574,000
Belgium-Luxemb.		3,000
Finland	111	90,000
Germany West		142,000
Italy	1	17,000
Sweden		8,000
Switzerland		136,000
Japan	9,125	7,126,000
Mexico		2,000
United States	34,401	38,019,000
TOTAL	43,638	

¹Quantity not always available. Value includes both units and parts.

[English]

PUBLIC WORKS—DOCK AT POINT AU PÈRE HARBOUR

Question No. 237—**Mr. Allard:**

Have the funds earmarked for the works carried out to the dock at Point au Père Harbour in the constituency of Rimouski, Quebec, been exhausted and, if not, what is the remaining amount and what does the government intend to do with it?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Of the funds allocated for the dock at Point au Père, \$10,000 has already been disbursed for repairs. During the present winter it is planned to disburse the remainder to repair the lighting system on the wharf.