

Questions

declared surplus and disposed of by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation on March 31, 1965 to Laforest et Frères, Pointe aux Trembles, Montreal, Quebec.

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS

Question No. 181—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. How much has the Farm Credit Corporation outstanding in loans being repaid (a) in Canada (b) in Quebec, and (c) in the county of Chapleau?
2. What amount is presently owing to the Corporation by farmers (a) in Canada (b) in Quebec, and (c) in the county of Chapleau?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): The Farm Credit Corporation advises that the answer is as follows: 1. Number of loans outstanding: (a) 47,404; (b) 3,684; (c) Statistics for the number and amount of loans outstanding are not maintained on a county basis.

2. Amount of loans outstanding: (a) \$443,560,275; (b) \$37,432,657; (c) See 1(c) above.

SECURING OF INFORMATION FROM SMALL BUSINESSES

Question No. 186—**Mr. McBain:**

Is it the policy of the government to have the Bureau of Statistics secure information from a small business concerning the operations of a competitor in the same line of business and, if so, what is the purpose of securing such information?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): No. However, on occasion the assistance of a neighbouring business is requested after the Post Office has informed the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that a particular business is no longer at a given address. Thus in a recent survey, neighbouring businesses selected from city directories were requested to assist the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by providing information related to whether or not premises at a particular address were still used for business purposes, the name of the business at the location, if any, and the date the previous occupant ceased to operate.

C.M.H.C. MORTGAGES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 188—**Mr. Basford:**

What is the total of current mortgages under C.M.H.C. in the Province of British Columbia?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The amount of mortgage loans and agreements for sale on residential property, owned and administered by C.M.H.C., in the Province of British Columbia, was \$122,961,972 at March 31, 1965. This amount does not include joint, insured or insurable loans made under the National

[Mr. Drury.]

Housing Act and administered by approved lenders. Provincial totals of the amounts outstanding on these loans are not available.

EXPENDITURES ON TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY IN B.C.

Question No. 192—**Mr. Basford:**

1. What is the federal expenditure to date on the trans-Canada highway located in the Province of British Columbia?

2. During the same period, what has been the expenditure made by the Government of British Columbia on this project?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works): 1. The federal share of sections constructed by the province totals \$117,750,428.52 to date. An additional \$41,538,121 has been spent to date on trans-Canada highway construction in the National Parks in British Columbia where construction is entirely financed by the federal government.

2. This Department has no records of total expenditures made by the government of British Columbia relative to the trans-Canada highway.

FARM LOANS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 194—**Mr. Basford:**

What is the total of current loans under the Farm Loans Act in the Province of British Columbia?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): I am informed by the Farm Credit Corporation that for the Province of British Columbia there are 1,809 loans outstanding for an amount of \$22,922,310 under the provisions of the Farm Credit Act.

TENDERS FOR BUOY SERVICE, RIVER PHILIP, N.S.

Question No. 196—**Mr. Coates:**

Were tenders called for the maintenance of a buoy service at River Philip, Cumberland County, N.S. and, if so, what are the names of the individuals who submitted tenders and the amount of each tender, and to which tenderer was the contract awarded?

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Yes. Tenders were submitted by Mr. Walter Cameron for the sum of \$150 per annum, by Mr. Emerson A. Chase, \$180 per annum, and by Mr. Robert F. Allan, \$100 per annum. The contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Allan, who has the necessary equipment to handle the buoys.