

NATIONAL DEFENCE—WINTER UNIFORMS

Question No. 233—Mr. Reynolds:

Is the winter uniform still issued to Armed Forces personnel, particularly those on northern duty and, if not, does the Minister of National Defence intend to re-issue same instead of a second lightweight uniform currently issued at such locations as Cold Lake, Alberta?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Heavyweight dress uniforms of the current style of uniform have never been issued to Armed Forces personnel. However, heavyweight material can be purchased from Department of National Defence clothing stores by individuals who wish to have a uniform tailored privately. Thermal underwear and sweaters are issued to all male personnel and in addition those working outdoors are provided with heavyweight protective outer clothing.

Female personnel are issued with heavyweight jackets and skirts.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—REPAIRS AND CAPITAL COST IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY BASES IN CANADA 1971-72

Question No. 239—Mr. Hurlburt:

What is the dollar value of repairs and capital cost improvements to military bases in (a) British Columbia (b) Alberta (c) Saskatchewan (d) Manitoba (e) Ontario (f) Quebec (g) Prince Edward Island (h) Nova Scotia (i) New Brunswick (j) Newfoundland for the fiscal year 1971-72?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The dollar value of repairs and capital cost improvements to military bases by provinces in Canada for fiscal year 1971-72 was as follows:

	Construction \$	Maintenance \$
(a) British Columbia	6,168,694	5,545,135
(b) Alberta	4,752,700	6,631,206
(c) Saskatchewan	486,192	2,000,876
(d) Manitoba	627,514	1,972,564
(e) Ontario	10,732,992	19,811,069
(f) Quebec	14,810,095	8,255,027
(g) Prince Edward Island	91,434	1,816,376
(h) Nova Scotia	6,659,784	8,852,674
(i) New Brunswick	3,769,695	4,130,584
(j) Newfoundland	284,983	285,897
	48,484,173	59,301,418

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK—RATE OF INTEREST ON NEW LOANS

Question No. 253—Mr. Herbert:

1. During the last year for which figures are available, what was (a) the highest (b) the lowest rate of interest on new loans approved by the Industrial Development Bank?

2. What was the average rate of interest on all new loans in this same period?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): 1. (a) Highest, 13.5%; (b) Lowest, 9.5%.

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2. Average, 11.29%. The above figures apply to the bank's fiscal year ended September 30, 1974.

CENTRAL CANADIAN DISTILLERS LTD.—WEYBURN, SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 285—Mr. McKinnon:

Has a distillery known as Central Canadian Distillers Ltd. of Weyburn, Saskatchewan (a) recently been sold to American interests (b) been the recipient of Department of Regional Economic Expansion grants or loans and, if so (i) how much (ii) is the government taking any steps to recover such loans or grants?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Foreign Investment Review Agency and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as follows: (a) Control of Central Canadian Distillers Ltd. of Weyburn, Saskatchewan was acquired by L.J. McGuiness and Co. Ltd. of Toronto late in 1973 and reported in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* on February 16, 1974. L.J. McGuiness and Co. Ltd. was acquired in 1970 by Standards Brands Limited of Montreal which in turn is controlled by U.S. interests; (b) The company has been the recipient of a grant from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion: (i) the grant totalled \$603,911 and was provided under the authority of the Regional Development Incentives Act; (ii) no steps are being taken to recover the grant since the sale of the shares of Central Canadian Distillers Corporation Ltd. occurred after the expiry of the legally authorized control period. The incentive offer was accepted by the company in March, 1970, and the facility brought into commercial production on May 31, 1971.

INCOME TAX ACT—DEDUCTION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PURCHASE OF NEW HOME

Question No. 369—Mr. Dick:

Is the government considering a change in the regulations under the Income Tax Act to allow a person to claim a deduction under the title of moving expenses, being legal expenses for purchasing of a new home?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): A number of requests have been received from the public urging an amendment to the Income Tax Act to give a deduction for expenses incurred in the purchase of a new home. These requests are receiving careful study. However, as such an amendment would be a budgetary matter, it would be improper to indicate whether or not such an amendment will in fact be proposed.

COMPANIES HELD BY CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 379—Mr. Rynard:

1. What are the names of the companies owned by the Canada Development Corporation and what is the percentage of control for each company?

2. What is the amount of holdings of Conlab held by the Canada Development Corporation and what was the net profits of this Company for the years 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973?

3. How much stock of the Gulf Oil Company is held by the Canadian Development Corporation?