

Questions

APPLICATIONS FOR WINTER HOME
CONSTRUCTION BONUSQuestion No. 646—**Mr. Starr:**

1. How many applications were received for the \$500 bonus under the winter home construction program during the present winter from the commencement date to January 31, 1966?

2. How many were there during the same period ending (a) January 31, 1965 (b) January 31, 1964?

Mr. B. S. Mackasey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): 1. Applications for certification of housing received numbered 31,194.

2. (a) Applications for certification of housing received numbered 31,881. (b) Applications for certification of housing received numbered 31,942.

LOANS FOR MULTI-PURPOSE
AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGSQuestion No. 653—**Mr. Pascoe:**

Is there a proposed program of long-term loans to exhibition companies for multi-purpose buildings for agricultural and community purposes and, if so (a) is the government intending to implement it (b) when will a decision in this regard be made?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): This is a matter of government policy. Should a decision be taken to implement such a program, parliament will be informed in the usual manner.

CHURCHILL, MAN., ELEVATOR CAPACITY

Question No. 703—**Mr. Korchinski:**

What is the total capacity of the terminal elevators at Churchill?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): 5,000,000 bushels.

*APPLICATION OF COMBINES LEGISLATION
TO NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUEQuestion No. 705—**Mr. Fulton:**

1. Does the government consider the field of professional sport to be outside the purview of the Combines Investigation Act?

2. If not, will the appropriate minister of the government refer to the director of investigation and research under the act, the question of whether the operations of the National Hockey League in Canada, especially with respect to its practices or rules which restrict the right to the extension of franchises to other Canadian cities, and related practices, are in contravention of any of the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act?

Hon. Guy Favreau (President of the Privy Council): 1. Yes. The director under the Combines Investigation Act takes the position that the field of professional sport is outside the purview of the act.

2. See 1.

[Mr. Favreau.]

*GOVERNMENT PRINTING BUREAU—MONEY
LENDERS SYNDICATEQuestion No. 708—**Mr. Irvine:**

With reference to question No. 330 answered on January 27, 1966, does there exist or has there existed in the past three years a "money lenders syndicate" other than Caisse Populaire and, if so, what are the names of the principals of any such organizations?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): There are a number of Christmas funds organized and operated by several groups of employees of the Canadian government printing bureau to which employees make regular contributions throughout the year. Some of these do provide for loans to its members on request. At the end of the year, total contributions plus any interest earned is divided among the members. There are also a number of flower, gift and welfare funds. However, these types of mutually beneficial organizations are not considered as "money lenders syndicates" since their prime purpose is to encourage savings and also to avoid, in the case of flower and gift funds, the circulation of subscription lists among employees.

C.B.C. TELEVISION PROGRAM ON VIET NAM

Question No. 758—**Mr. Faulkner:**

1. Did Mr. John Powell and Mr. Hugh Campbell recently appear on a C.B.C. television program concerning Viet Nam?

2. If so, did either or both serve in Indochina and in what capacity did they serve?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes.

2. (a) Mr. Campbell, then a squadron leader in the R.C.A.F., served from August, 1961 to January, 1963. Mr. Powell served from June, 1964 to June, 1965. (b) Squadron Leader Campbell served chiefly as an officer at various team sites in Viet Nam. Mr. Powell served as a registry and accounts clerk in the Canadian headquarters in Saigon.

*REQUEST FOR ESCALATOR CLAUSE
IN SUPERANNUATION ACTQuestion No. 761—**Mr. Knowles:**

1. Has the Prime Minister received a letter from the president of the federal superannuates' national association asking that the Public Service Superannuation Act be amended so as to provide therein an escalator clause similar to that contained in the Canada Pension Plan and in the Old Age Security Act?

2. If so, what reply has the Prime Minister made thereto?