

## Questions

NEW BUILDINGS, EXPERIMENTAL FARM,  
OTTAWA

## Question No. 1,021—Mrs. Wadds:

What new buildings have been built at the Experimental Farm in the last five years, and what was the cost of each?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Department of Agriculture: 1964, Storage building (prefab), \$14,765; 1965, Plastic greenhouse, \$10,794; 1965, Lath house, \$4,339; 1965, 2 Plywood silos, \$4,700; 1966, 8 Screenhouses, \$2,600; 1967, Greenhouse, \$34,202; 1967, 2 Plastic greenhouses, \$64,900.

Department of Public Works: 1963, East west headerhouse, \$322,213; 1963, Seismograph vault (Energy, Mines & Resources), \$90,421; 1964, Honey house addition, \$165,039; 1966, Irrigation pump house, Hartwell locks, \$40,360; 1966, Sir John Carling building, \$9,962,579; 1967, Addition to apiculture building, \$46,243; 1967, Plant growth building, \$135,220.

OPERATION OF RETAIL OUTLETS,  
ARMED FORCES BASES

## Question No. 1,036—Mr. Ballard:

In connection with the operation of food stores and other retail outlets on Canadian Forces Bases:

1. How many food stores, gas stations and other retail outlets are operated by N.P.F. (non-public funds of units)?

2. What is N.P.F.?

3. Is N.P.F. incorporated and in what province?

4. Who appoints or elects its management and to whom do they answer?

5. What is the total business volume (retail sales)?

6. Who audits the books and where is the audit published or to whom is it available?

7. Have there been any modifications to the policy governing N.P.F. in 1967, and are any proposed changes at present under discussion?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** 1. Food stores, 12; Gas stations, 41; other retail outlets, 179. In addition, Maple Leaf Services operate, 7 Food stores; 4 Gas stations; 16 other retail outlets; as well as canteens in troop lines and junior ranks' clubs.

2. "N.P.F." stands for "non-public funds" which is a term used in the Department of National Defence to indicate non-public money and property used for the collective benefit and welfare of the members of the forces, in accordance with section 39 of the National Defence Act.

[Mr. Benson.]

3. No, "N.P.F." is not incorporated. However, Maple Leaf Services is an independent body incorporated in May 1954 under the provisions of part II of the Companies' Act, and is therefore not a crown corporation.

4. The non-public funds of units or other elements of the Canadian Forces are administered by mess, institute or canteen committees, which are approved by the commanding officer, and are responsible to the commanding officer of the unit for the efficient management of the messes, institutes and canteens in accordance with orders issued by the chief of the defence staff. Insofar as Maple Leaf Services is concerned, the members of the corporation are the officers and men of the regular army. The operations are controlled by a board of six directors, (officers of the Canadian Forces). The president and managing director are responsible to the board of directors for the day to day management of the corporation.

5. In 1966-67, the total retail sales of the N.P.F. businesses listed in (1) above was \$28,477,782, and Maple Leaf Services \$20,377,175.

6. Non-public fund accounts are audited not less than once annually by a board of officers appointed by the commanding officer of the unit. The audit reports are made available to the commanding officer, his next superior officer, and to the mess, institute and canteen committees. Insofar as Maple Leaf Services is concerned, the annual audit is carried out by a private company. This audit is available to all members of the corporation.

7. No. However, in view of the fact that the reorganization act was proclaimed on 1 February, 1968, a proposal is being considered which would bring the services and amenities provided by Maple Leaf Services, as well as other N.P.F. activities, within an organization to be known as the Canadian Armed Forces Exchange System (CANEX). This will result in all resale outlets and amenities formerly under Maple Leaf Services and former naval or air force bases and units, being operated within the Canadian Armed Forces Exchange System under common management procedures and technical advice by the Director General CANEX as directed by the chief of the defence staff.