

Questions

NORANDA, ROUYN—CONTRIBUTIONS
TO PROJECTSQuestion No. 2,705—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. What amount is the federal government contributing to the cost of constructing a new hospital in Noranda?

2. (a) Is the federal government subsidizing the construction of the "Maison Pie XII" home for the elderly in Rouyn and, if so, in what amount (b) is Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation granting a loan for the construction of this establishment and, if so, in what amount and at what rate of interest?

3. Is a large polytechnical school to be built in Rouyn and, if so (a) will the federal government contribute to the cost of this project (b) in what amount will this contribution be made under the terms of a federal-provincial agreement and what particular agreement?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. No project has been received requesting federal assistance towards the cost of constructing a new hospital in Noranda, P.Q., under the terms of the Hospital Construction Grant.

2. (a) No. (b) Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has granted a loan to the Quebec Housing Corporation for the construction of "Maison Pie XII" in the amount of \$730,071 at an interest rate of 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ % per annum.

3. Not applicable.

INVESTIGATION OF MERITS OF
METRIC SYSTEMQuestion No. 2,706—**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):**

1. Is the government investigating the merits of the Metric System?

2. If not, are there any plans to do so?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. The interdepartmental committee responsible for studying present, prospective and ultimate applicability of metric measurement in Canada has prepared a report which is being presented for the consideration of the government.

2. N/A.

*NATIONAL PARKS—LEBRETON FLATS,
OTTAWAQuestion No. 2,707—**Mr. Mather:**

Is the Government of Canada giving favourable consideration to the establishment of a national park at the LeBreton Flats area in Ottawa?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is no.

[Mr. Sharp.]

ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET VESSEL "TAJMYR"

Question No. 2,708—**Mr. Anderson:**

1. Has the Department of External Affairs recently been in touch with the Soviet Embassy concerning the activities of the Soviet vessel *Tajmyr*?

2. Has this vessel been challenged in recent weeks by Canadian Armed Forces vessels about her intentions on the B.C. Coast?

3. Has this vessel refused to answer such requests for information?

4. Was this vessel boarded by Canadian Government officials in Vancouver Harbour?

5. For how long has this vessel been under surveillance by Canadian Armed Forces units?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Department of National Defence as follows:

1. No.

2. No. The Soviet vessel TAJMYR conducted all operations outside the limits of Canadian territorial waters.

3. Not applicable.

4. Yes. All foreign vessels entering a Canadian port are subject to inspection by Customs and Immigration officials. In addition Department of Transport Radio Inspectors board foreign vessels upon request. In those cases where a diplomatic request for permission to visit a Canadian port has been received on behalf of a naval-associated ship, and has been approved, an officer of the Canadian Forces also goes on board.

5. Since June 1, 1969.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY—EXPENDITURE
ON RESEARCHQuestion No. 2,709—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. How much money does the federal government put into research in muscular dystrophy?

2. How, much by province, is made available for help to victims of muscular dystrophy and what is the formula?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. No specific projects in the field of research in Muscular Dystrophy have been submitted to the Department of National Health and Welfare by the provinces or National Muscular Dystrophy Agencies.

2. Despite the fact that specifically designed projects have not been submitted by the provinces in support of muscular dystrophy victims, assistance is made available and rendered to the provinces for such purposes under a number of federal-provincial programs, such as the Medical Rehabilitation and