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he had close contact with Indian children, their parents and band councils.

5. His duties and responsibilities are: Under direction responsible for the supervision of a field staff of school administrators and specialists; direction of the joint school capital program; analyses of data in the fields of school administration and curriculum for the purpose of policy making; supervision of the teacher's registry and statistical sections; serves as consultant in federal-provincial negotiations on Indian education. Mr. Waller reports to the director of education.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND INCOME FIGURES, QUEBEC CONSTITUENCIES

Question No. 2,483-Mr. LeBlanc (Rimouski):

- 1. What were the unemployment figures for the past five years in the following constituencies: Rimouski, Matapédia-Matane, Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata?
- 2. What is the income growth index over the past five years for these constituencies?
- 3. What is the income growth index over the past five years for these constituencies, as compared to the national average?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Manpower and Immigration and National Revenue as follows: 1. Unemployment figures are not available for electoral districts.

Annual averages of unplaced applicants on file in the Canada manpower centres in the Gaspe are shown below for each of the past five years.

1962 1963 1964 1965 1966
Causapscal 1,884 1,862 1,728 1,489 1,327
Matane 2,352 2,274 1,724 1,701
Rimouski 3,570 3,226 2,707 2,510 2,504
Rivière-du-Loup 4,031 4,016 3,534 3,362 3,273

The area served by the Causapscal Canada manpower centre includes most of the county of Matapedia, as well as four townships in the county of Bonaventure. The Matane centre serves most of the county of Matane and part of Gaspe North. The Rimouski centre serves all of the county of Rimouski and small parts of the counties of Matane and Matapedia. The area served by the Rivière-du-Loup Canada manpower centre consists of the county of Témiscouata (this census county includes the provincial county of Rivière-du-Loup) and the county of Kamouraska.

2 and 3. Statistics relating to incomes of individuals as reported on tax returns are not maintained on the basis of electoral constituencies.

The taxation division of the Department of National Revenue publishes annually a book known as "Taxation Statistics" which provides aggregates of income figures compiled from tax returns for counties or census division as well as for Canada as a whole.

REPAYMENT OF NATIONAL DEBT

Question No. 2,485—Mr. Godin:

How many years will it take the government of Canada to reimburse the debts it has been accumulating since 1867?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): The government of Canada's outstanding debt represents the cumulative total of all government cash deficits less surpluses since 1867. The deficits have been financed through the sale of cash securities while surpluses have been used to reduce the total of securities outstanding. Changes in debt for any period of time, assuming a constant cash balance, represent the difference between government cash receipts and expenditures of all kinds and are, therefore, the consequence of the government's fiscal operations. Since these fiscal operations have a very important effect upon Canada's economy, fiscal policy must take into account prevailing economic circumstances and the probable consequences of any action taken. It is not possible to predict when economic circumstances would make it appropriate for fiscal policy to aim at achieving cash surpluses. It is, therefore, not possible to forecast whether or to what extent the government would consider it appropriate to reduce or eliminate all its outstanding debt.

CHANGEOVER TO CANADA MANPOWER SERVICES

Question No. 2,489-Mr. Irvine:

- 1. What was the total cost of changing the national employment services over to Canada man-power services?
- 2. Of this amount, how much was expended in (a) alterations in buildings, including signs (b) letterhead stationery etc. (c) advertising (d) other?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Manpower and Immigration and Public Works as follows: 1. \$583,371.87.

2. (a) \$508,867.84; (b) \$43,532.90; (c) \$23,319.93; (d) \$7,651.20.