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	No. of Producers	Amount of Payment \$
P.E.I.	763	120,784.13
N.S.	1,138	106,616.09
N.B.	825	120,346.22
Que.	5,343	1,039,347.98
Ont.	3,693	654,856.39
Man.	4,996	578,551.67
Sask.	10,141	924,432.85
Alta.	7,624	868,956.34
B.C.	267	32,009.41
Canada	34,790	4,445,901.08

5. March 22, 1967
- March 29, 1968
- March 31, 1969

CO-OPERATIVES AS A HOUSING INVESTMENT BANK

Question No. 1,931—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

Are discussions being held to establish co-operatives which will become a housing investment bank as was recommended in the Hellyer Task Force Report?

Hon. James Richardson (Acting Minister of Housing): Discussions have been held with representatives of the National Labour-Co-operative Committee regarding the establishment of a Co-operative Housing Foundation designed to promote and provide technical assistance by local and regional housing associations serving the interests of low and moderate income groups.

While the supply of mortgage funds is being kept under review no action has been taken towards the establishment of new forms of lending institutions.

RETURN OF CENTENNIAL MEDALS

Question No. 1,932—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many Centennial Medals awarded to recipients have been returned to the government and are they to be awarded to other Canadians and, if so, who will be the recipients?

2. Have all Centennial Medals been distributed and, if not, how many are available for distribution and what are the terms of reference for distribution?

3. What units and/or formations did not receive any allotment of Centennial Medals and why were awards not made and is it because the units did not have any worthy (a) Officers (b) N.C.Os. (c) Men?

4. Was the allocation of Centennial Medals to military units awarded in accordance with the "actual strength" or "paper strength"?

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5. Did the Officers of any militia unit in Canada receive more than three Centennial Medals and, if so, which units?

6. Were all Centennial Medals allotted to the militia distributed and, if not, how many are still available for distribution?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Secretary of State as follows: 1. Eleven Centennial Medals were returned. These medals were not reallocated but are maintained as a reserve from which replacement of lost medals may be made.

2. Distribution of the Centennial Medal is complete.

3, 4 and 5. See reply to your question 737, *Hansard* dated 25 November, 1968, pages 3125-6, and supplementary reply tabled 15 January, 1969—(*Votes and Proceedings* page 590 refers).

6. Yes.

STARCH DIVERSION PROGRAM

Question No. 1,948—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. What effect is the starch diversion programme announced by the Minister of Agriculture on March 21 likely to have on the potato producers of Prince Edward Island?

2. What amount of potatoes will be purchased from the Prince Edward Island potato growers and what is the expected price the growers will receive?

3. What other forms of assistance are being contemplated in order to assist the Prince Edward Island potato growers in this regard?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): 1, 2 and 3. Storage holdings of potatoes in the Maritime region were in excess of the five-year average, resulting in depressed producer prices. A starch diversion program was authorized under the Agricultural Stabilization Act as a means of removing potatoes from the market and stimulating producer prices in the Maritime area. The market is being carefully watched, but there are no current plans for other forms of assistance.

SEPT-ILES AIRPORT FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Question No. 1,953—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Was an Air Canada *Viscount* recently destroyed by fire at Sept-Iles and, if so, what fire-fighting equipment was available to the Department of Transport at the Sept-Iles Airport?

2. Were all vehicles using Foam fully equipped with foam during the fighting of the fire and, if not, what was the amount carried and the amount that could be carried?