

Questions

WIDOWS' PENSIONS OF LESS THAN \$8 PER WEEK

Question No. 943—Mr. Mather:

How many widows of civil servants are in receipt of pensions amounting to \$8, or less, a week?

Mr. Graffey: Mr. Speaker, in the answer I have tabled today to question 838, asked by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre and made an order for return, is available the answer to this question. I would therefore ask the hon. member if he would be willing to withdraw the question.

Mr. Speaker: The parliamentary secretary states that in the answer to a previous question filed today the answer to this particular question is available, and would the hon. member then withdraw his question.

Mr. Mather: Then I withdraw the question, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and question withdrawn.

COLOMBO PLAN AID TO INDIA

Question No. 944—Mr. Matheson:

1. What specific projects or plans for aid to India have been either cancelled or reduced as a result of the cut-back in Colombo plan aid?

2. Since November 1, 1962 has the government given consideration to (a) restoring Colombo plan aid as it affects India in its entirety (b) providing new civil and military aid to India?

Mr. Green: 1. The form and content of this year's Colombo plan program in India has been discussed with the authorities of that country, but final decisions cannot be taken until parliament has dealt with the Colombo plan vote, after which allocations will be made to individual countries.

2. (a) The Prime Minister informed the house yesterday that the Indian needs are now being studied. (b) Some assistance in this category has already been granted and announced by the Prime Minister.

PURCHASING POWER OF CANADIAN DOLLAR

Question No. 945—Mr. Mather:

1. What was the relative purchasing power value of the Canadian dollar in the years 1949 to 1962?

2. What was the effect of these purchasing power variations in respect to the value of the old age pension dollar?

Mr. Nesbitt: 1. Information is not available on the purchasing power of the Canadian dollar. However, if the question is intended to relate to the money spent on consumer goods, the inverse of the consumer price index (1949=100) might be satisfactory.

[Mr. McCleave.]

Year	\$
1949	1.00
1950	.97
1951	.88
1952	.86
1953	.87
1954	.86
1955	.86
1956	.85
1957	.82
1958	.80
1959	.79
1960	.78
1961	.77
1962 (10 months)	.77

2. No separate series is available specifically for the old age pension dollar.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

CONTRACTS FOR MAIL TRANSPORTATION

Question No. 711—Mr. Denis:

For each of the last ten years, and for each province (a) how many tenders were called for transportation of mails (b) how many contracts were changed?

RETURN FLIGHT TO REGINA BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PLANE

Question No. 833—Mr. Argue:

1. Did a D.O.T. plane recently take the Minister of Agriculture to Regina and, if so, when?

2. What were the names of all other passengers on the flight?

3. When was the return flight, and what were the names of all passengers on the flight?

Mr. McBain: Return tabled.

INTERIOR CONTRACTING CO. LTD., PENTICTON, B.C.

Question No. 880—Mr. Howard:

With respect to each of the amounts of money paid to Interior Contracting Co. Ltd. of Penticton, B.C., as enumerated in sessional paper No. 232, which ones were (a) paid pursuant to the process of tenders, bids and contracts being held and (b) paid without such a process being held; and, with respect to those paid pursuant to the process of tenders, bids and contracts, what was the nature and date of each such contract?

REWARDS FOR INFORMATION ON OFFENCES AGAINST P.O. DEPARTMENT

Question No. 916—Mr. Denis:

1. When was the system of rewards for information, leading to the arrest and conviction of persons having committed various offences against the Post Office Department and the mails, established?

2. During each of the past five years (a) what were the amounts paid in the form of such rewards (b) to how many persons have these rewards been paid, and (c) how much did each receive?