

Questions

feed grains were delivered from the St. Lawrence ports. It is not in the public interest to advise the breakdown of deliveries by individual elevators.

STATUS OF GREAT SLAVE LAKE AREA

Question No. 1,518—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

Will the Great Slave Lake area, now or in the foreseeable future, qualify as a designated area?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Not now. New legislation on the area development program is being prepared.

*ARMED FORCES—USE OF STARS TO DESIGNATE RANK

Question No. 1,538—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. Are stars being used to designate the rank of officers of the Armed Forces?
2. How are ranks designated by stars?
3. Under what authority has this star system come into effect?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The answer to parts 1 and 3 is as follows:

Yes, from the time Canada established her own navy and her own army stars have been and are being worn by officers of the sea and land elements of the Canadian forces as rank designation. This was the direct result of adopting British dress.

The answer to part 2 is as follows:

Officers of the rank of rear admiral and above in the sea element and officer cadets to generals in the land element wear stars of various forms. Rear admirals and above wear an eight point star in silver bullion embroidery—three for an admiral, two for a vice admiral and one for a rear admiral below the crown and crossed sword and baton.

Mr. Baldwin: What does the Postmaster General get?

Mr. Hees: He has NATO stars.

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): I am trying to answer the questions.

Mr. Hees: We are trying to help you. You were not doing too well.

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): The Star of the Order of the Bath is worn in most instances by officers of the land element as follows:

General: One star below the crown and above the crossed sword and baton.

[Mr. Olson.]

Major-General: One star above the crossed sword and baton.

Brigadier-General: Three stars below the crown.

Colonel: Two stars below the crown.

Lieutenant-Colonel: One star below the crown.

Captain: Three stars.

Lieutenant: Two stars.

Second-Lieutenant and Officer Cadet: One star.

Depending on regimental affiliation, stars may represent one of the other three senior orders of knighthood—i.e. the Garter, Thistle or St. Patrick. An example would be the Garter Star, which is worn by the British Coldstream, Grenadier and Welsh Guards and their Canadian counterparts, the Governor General's Foot Guards and Canadian Grenadier Guards.

Mr. Diefenbaker: What other constellations have you?

OTTAWA—SPACE IN CAMPEAU QUEEN-SPARKS BUILDING

Question No. 1,548—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Have any negotiations been entered into between the Department of Public Works and Campeau Construction for space in the building being erected between Queen and Sparks Street in Ottawa?

2. Have any other government departments or agencies approached the Department of Public Works with a view to obtaining space in the said building?

3. Is the government committed in any way to take space in this building and, if so, when was first contact made between Campeau Construction and the government and when was the commitment finalized?

4. If there is an arrangement, how many square feet of space will be occupied, at what rent and which departments will occupy it?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. No.

2. No.

3. No.

4. Not applicable.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROGRAMS UNDER ASSISTANCE PLAN

Question No. 1,557—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

1. For what programmes has the government of British Columbia applied under the Canada Assistance Plan since its inception?

2. What amounts of money have been paid to the British Columbia Government in respect of each of these programmes?