

Order Paper Questions

made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) that increases in government expenditures are brought on by public pressure, opposition pressure and pressure from the media, and noting that there has been no public pressure, no opposition pressure and no media pressure to sustain the operations of Information Canada, and in light of the fact that there are 747 current information officers who are already duplicating the work of Information Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That the Prime Minister consider the immediate phasing out of Information Canada.

● (1430)

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; therefore the motion cannot be put.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Text]

NATIONAL DEFENCE—EMPLOYMENT OF EX-MILITARY PERSONNEL AS PUBLIC SERVANTS

Question No. 12—**Mr. Rowland:**

For each Canadian Forces base, station or other installation, how many ex-military personnel now receiving service pensions are currently employed as public servants in the Department of National Defence and, of these, how many are war veterans?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The information required by this question is not readily available and would necessitate a search of thousands of files. In view of the continuing heavy commitments and workload of departmental personnel officers, additional staff would be required in a large number of CF bases, stations and other installations to compile the data. The department does not have the resources that would be required to employ such additional staff.

NUMBER OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS

Question No. 27—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. How many retired Armed Forces personnel are receiving pensions, including their basic pensions and any supplement or supplement added thereto, of amounts within each of the following brackets (a) less than \$20 per month (b) \$20 to \$29.99 per month (c) \$30 to \$39.99 per

[Mr. McKenzie.]

month (d) \$40 to \$49.99 per month (e) \$50 to \$59.99 per month (f) \$60 to \$69.99 per month (g) \$70 to \$79.99 per month (h) \$80 to \$89.99 per month (i) \$90 to \$99.99 per month (j) \$100 to \$149.99 per month (k) \$150 to \$199.99 per month (l) \$200 to \$249.99 per month (m) \$250 to \$299.99 per month (n) \$300 per month and over?

2. How many widows of Armed Forces personnel or of retired Armed Forces personnel are receiving pensions, including their basic pensions and any supplement or supplements added thereto, of amounts within each of the brackets indicated in the above question?

3. What is the total number of retired Armed Forces personnel and also the number of widows of Armed Forces personnel or of retired Armed Forces personnel presently residing in each province?

4. In respect of how many orphans or Armed Forces personnel are pensions being paid and what is the average amount thereof?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. As of February 28, 1974, the number of retired Armed Forces personnel receiving monthly pensions totalled 41,849 as follows: (a) Less than \$20.00, 42; (b) \$20 to \$29.99, 70; (c) \$30 to \$39.99, 136; (d) \$40 to \$49.99, 252; (e) \$50 to \$59.99, 248; (f) \$60 to \$69.99, 207; (g) \$70 to \$79.99, 288; (h) \$80 to \$89.99, 379; (i) \$90 to \$99.99, 499; (j) \$100 to \$149.99, 3,257; (k) \$150 to \$159.99, 6,496; (l) \$200 to \$249.99, 7,962; (m) \$250 to \$299.99, 6,313; (n) \$300 and over, 15,700.

2. The number of widows receiving monthly pensions totalled 4,069 as follows: (a) Less than \$20.00, 63; (b) \$20 to \$29.99, 52; (c) \$30 to 39.99, 45; (d) \$40 to \$49.99, 52; (e) \$50 to \$59.99, 97; (f) \$60 to \$69.99, 133; (g) \$70 to \$79.99, 196; (h) \$80 to \$89.99, 240; (i) \$90 to \$99.99, 228; (j) \$100 to \$149.99, 1,117; (k) \$150 to \$199.99, 830; (l) \$200 to \$249.99, 502; (m) \$250 to \$299.99, 231; (n) \$300 and over, 283.

3. Retired Armed Forces personnel and widows residing in each province:

| Provinces | Personnel | Widows |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| Newfoundland | 174 | 14 |
| Prince Edward Island | 337 | 33 |
| Nova Scotia | 3,744 | 348 |
| New Brunswick | 1,376 | 145 |
| Quebec | 3,598 | 417 |
| Ontario | 16,867 | 1,778 |
| Manitoba | 1,764 | 176 |
| Saskatchewan | 531 | 75 |
| Alberta | 3,406 | 274 |
| British Columbia | 8,775 | 665 |
| Territories | 78 | 4 |
| Outside Canada | 1,199 | 140 |

4. Number of orphans, 91. Average monthly amount, \$45.59.

DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF SPEECHES MADE BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

Question No. 84—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 2,827 of the First Session of the 29th Parliament, what are the names and addresses of the 1,845 people to whom copies of addresses by the Minister of Agriculture to Liberal Party meetings were printed and distributed at public expense?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): The 1,845 copies of addresses by the Minister of Agriculture to all public meetings are distributed as follows to: News media, 376; Members of Parliament, 307; Senators, 102; Provincial government and their employees, 283; Agriculture Canada