

irrigation systems on farms, classified as agricultural machines for tariff purposes?

6. Are engines and motors incorporated into or attached to pumpjacks, for livestock watering purposes on farms, classified as agricultural machines for tariff purposes?

7. What is the difference, in principle, between the agricultural functions of (a) pumpjacks (b) centrifugal or gear pumps?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue):** 1. No.

2. Yes.

3. Item 409f of the agricultural implement schedule of the Customs Tariff contains a provision for "sprinkler irrigation systems; ... for use on the farm for farm purposes only; ... parts of all the foregoing". Pumps for incorporation into such systems are dealt with as parts of the systems. Centrifugal and gear pumps are general purpose pumps and the agricultural implement schedule does not contain a provision to cover centrifugal and gear pumps when used for other agricultural watering purposes.

4. No.

5. Engines and motors incorporated into or attached to centrifugal or gear pumps, for sprinkler irrigation systems, are classified under item 409q of the agricultural implement schedule. The item makes specific provision for auxiliary internal combustion engines and electric motors incorporated in or attached to, or to be incorporated in or attached to, agricultural implements or agricultural machinery.

6. Engines and motors incorporated into or attached to pumpjacks are admissible under item 409q as outlined in 5.

7. Pumpjacks are designed to convert hand operated pumps to power operated pumps and are regarded as agricultural machines in their own right, being primarily for farm use. Centrifugal and gear type water pumps are general purpose pumps.

#### \*SOCIAL INSURANCE REGISTRATIONS

**Question No. 2,016—Mr. Rhéaume:**

1. How many Canadians are now in possession of social insurance numbers?

2. Of the above, how many were voluntary registrations?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour):** 1. 5,855,121 as at the close of business October 1, 1964.

2. No separate statistics are maintained of those who are required to register under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act and those who are not covered by the act. However, a great many people who are not covered by the Unemployment Insurance

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Act have made voluntary applications and been assigned a social insurance number.

#### GRADE XII STUDENTS, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**Question No. 2,019—Mr. Rhéaume:**

1. How many students were enrolled in grade XII in the Northwest Territories during the 1963-64 school term?

2. How many of these students wrote final examinations at the completion of the school term?

3. What department or agency set these examinations and where and by what agency were they marked?

4. What were the results in terms of (a) failures (b) passing grades (c) eligibility for subsequent university enrollment?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** 1. Seventy two students were registered in some or all subjects in grade XII during the 1963-64 school term.

2. Seventy two students wrote a total of 280 examination papers in 1964.

3. The Alberta department of education set the grade XII departmental examination. They were marked in Edmonton, Alberta, by officials of the department of education of Alberta on the same basis as papers written by grade XII students in that province.

4. (a) Results of all papers written show failures on 85 papers. (b) Results of all papers written show passes on 195 papers. (c) Four students completed full university entrance standing in the academic year 1963-64.

#### PROPOSED ACTION WHERE RETIREMENT INCOME EXCEEDS SALARY EARNED

**Question No. 2,022—Mr. Coates:**

As a guide to other employers, what action does the government plan to take respecting members of the public service superannuation plan whose benefits from that plan, from old age security, and from the Canada pension plan may exceed 100 per cent of their salaries at retirement?

**Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** The policy to be proposed by the government to parliament in respect of the adjustment of the Public Service Superannuation Act to take into account the Canada pension plan will be announced in due course.

#### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS UNDER PENSION PLAN

**Question No. 2,023—Mr. Coates:**

1. What steps will be taken to ensure that funds accumulated under the Canada pension plan will be invested to secure the best return, consistent with security, for the contributors?