Motions for Papers

DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS AT RIDEAU CLUB, OTTAWA

Question No. 759-Mr. Orlikow:

1. How many functions were held at the Rideau club by various government departments in the past three years?

2. Which departments held such functions?

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL SCIENTISTS

Question No. 767-Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

1. What is the national research council definition of a scientist?

2. According to this definition, how many scientists

are there in each department?
3. What is the age and salary of each?

Mr. Drury: Return tabled.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES, BERTHIER-MASKINONGE-DELANAUDIERE CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 850-Mr. Paul:

1. What were the total expenditures on public works in the constituency of Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere during each of the fiscal years 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63?

2. For each of these fiscal years, on what public works projects were expenditures made?

3. During 1963-64, what is the estimated total expenditure for public works in the above constituency, indicating in each case the nature and the amount of the expenditure?

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WHEAT AGREEMENT WITH RED CHINA

Motion No. 26-Mr. Fisher:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of the long term agreement signed by the Canadian wheat board and the China Resources Company covering the period June 1, 1961 to December 19, 1963.

Mr. Sharp: May I speak to both this and the following motion, which are closely related. These motions relate to an agreement dated April 22, 1961, entered into between the Canadian wheat board and the China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import and Export Corporation, and to contracts pursuant thereto between the Canadian wheat board and the China Resources Company. After discussions with the Canadian wheat board and its advisory committee I am satisfied it would not be in the interest of the board as the selling agency for western wheat to produce either the long term agreement or the contracts entered into pursuant to that agreement. Such agreements and contracts between the board and its customers have never been produced.

There is no objection, however, to making public certain information contained in these documents. Indeed, much of it is already public knowledge and has appeared in the reports of the board and in the public press.

[Mr. Macdonald.]

The only information that hon, members have inquired about in the past that does not seem to have become available is the date on which the long term agreement was signed in Peking, April 22, 1961. I was not here at the time, but this reluctance seems to have had something to do with the whereabouts of the former minister of agriculture on that particular day.

I have seen the hon. member and I understand he is prepared to accept production of the following information extracted from the long term agreement and the contracts: 1. The date of the long term agreement; 2. the names of those who signed on behalf of the Canadian wheat board; 3. the minimum and maximum quantities of wheat and barley covered by the long term agreement; 4. the quantities of wheat and barley actually sold under the agreement, and 5. the terms of payment.

Mr. Fisher: I am pleased to have the information stated by the minister. I wish to point out to the house that these two motions were drafted by the hon. member for Ottawa West some time ago and were voted down in the house. I did not want to push them as far as that, or to take up so much of the time of the house with them, but I thought it was worth while making it possible for hon. members to see that there does seem to be a difference in attitude depending upon where you sit.

Mr. Speaker: Is the motion agreed to, subject to the reservations made by the minister?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

WHEAT CONTRACTS WITH RED CHINA

Motion No. 27-Mr. Fisher:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all contracts entered into between the Canadian wheat board and the China Resources Company for the sale of grain under the long term agreement between the Canadian wheat board and the China Resources Company.

Mr. Speaker: With regard to this motion, does the same agreement apply as in the case of the preceding motion?

Motion agreed to.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT WITH FAIRFIELD COMPANY, OWEN SOUND, ONT.

Motion No. 40-Mr. Brewin:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all agreements, correspondence or other documents exchanged between the Department of Defence Production or any other representative of the federal government and H. J. Fairfield Company Limited at Owen Sound for the cancellation of any contract or agreement for the supply of army stocks.