

Questions

C.B.C. OPERATION "GAIHURST"—COST

Question No. 410—Mr. Perron:

What was the cost to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of the "Gaihurst" operation in the spring of 1962?

Answer by: Mr. Halpenny:

I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that it is not considered to be in the public interest to divulge information as to program costs as it would affect the position of the corporation in the competitive business in which it is engaged.

*BEAUCEVILLE, QUE., POST OFFICE

Question No. 411—Mr. Perron:

1. What decision has been taken by the Minister of Public Works with respect to the construction of a post office at Beauceville?
2. What was the purchase price of the land required for the said post office?

Mr. McCleave:

1. The construction of a post office at Beauceville will depend on approval of funds by parliament.

2. \$16,000.

TARIFF BOARD REPORT ON OILSEEDS

Question No. 413—Mr. Thomas:

When does the Minister of Finance expect to receive a report from the tariff board concerning tariff rates on oilseeds and vegetable oils, including soyabeans, in reply to his reference referred to in his budget speech of December 20, 1960, as reported on pages 1012-13 of *Hansard* for that date, and referred to again by the minister at pages 1431-2 of *Hansard* for January 26, 1961?—

Answer by: Mr. Graftey:

I have consulted the chairman of the tariff board and he informs me that work with respect to this reference is well advanced, and barring unforeseen circumstances he expects to submit a report before next spring.

FARMERS AND FARM INCOME

Question No. 414—Mr. Legare:

1. What is the approximate number of farmers in each of the ten provinces of Canada?
2. What was the average income of farmers in each of the provinces for the years 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62?

Answer by: Mr. Hees:

1. There are many operators of census farms who are classified as being employed in other occupations. According to the monthly labour force survey of September 22, 1962, there were 441,000 "own-account" workers and employees in agriculture in Canada.

The number of farms (1961 census) provides a very rough measure of number of farmers.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF FARMS IN CANADA¹

Province	Census Farms ²	Commercial Farms ³
Newfoundland.....	1,752	456
Prince Edward Island.....	7,335	4,530
Nova Scotia.....	12,518	4,939
New Brunswick.....	11,786	5,116
Quebec.....	95,777	62,497
Ontario.....	121,333	90,345
Manitoba.....	43,306	33,522
Saskatchewan.....	93,924	82,285
Alberta.....	73,212	58,698
British Columbia.....	19,934	10,902
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	26	3
Total.....	480,903	353,293

¹ SOURCE: Census of agriculture 1961.

² A census farm in the 1961 census was defined as a holding of one acre or more with the sales of agricultural products during the past twelve months valued at \$50 or more.

³ Commercial farms include all farms reporting \$1,200 or more sales of agricultural products for a 12 month period (excluding institutional-type farms, i.e., experimental, jail, etc.).