

In this respect, the Canadian government is, of course, aware of the proposal by the Quebec government to convene a meeting of ministers of education and culture from "states where French is one of the languages used". The suggestion is a recent one and the actual planning for such conference has not, as yet, begun. The federal government looks forward to hearing from the government of Quebec concerning this matter. It will be appreciated, of course, that international practice requires that the Canadian government sponsor any inter-governmental conference that might be held in Canada.

[English]

HISTORIC PLAQUES, NATIONAL
CAPITAL REGION

Question No. 2,033—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

During the fiscal year 1965-1966, upon what buildings in the national capital region were historical plaques placed?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): No plaques were placed upon buildings in the national capital region during the 1965-1966 fiscal year by the National Capital Commission.

COST OF RAILWAY STATION, OTTAWA

Question No. 2,034—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. What has been the total cost to date of the construction of the new Ottawa station at Hurdman?

2. Are any additional costs anticipated to complete construction?

3. If so, what is the estimate of such additional costs?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. The total cost to date of the Ottawa station building is \$5,575,000.

2. Yes.

3. It is estimated that this additional cost will be \$100,000.

PAY SCALE, RESERVE FORCES

Question No. 2,048—**Mr. Crouse:**

Has a decision been reached on the pay scales for the reserve forces?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): No.

IMPORTS OF BUTTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

Question No. 2,055—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. Has Canada imported any butter from New Zealand in 1966?

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2. If so (a) what was the quantity imported since the beginning of the current year (b) what quantity is expected to be imported from now until the end of the current year (c) what price is paid for this New Zealand butter (d) is this butter offered to Canadian consumers in the state in which it is received, or is it processed or mixed with Canadian butter?

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1. Yes. Butter has been imported for re-export as ships' stores.

2. (a) Statistics on imports of butter from New Zealand for the period January to June 1966 (latest figures available) are as follows:

Quantity (cwt.)	Value \$'000
60	3

(b) Not known.

(c) See (a).

(d) None of this butter was imported for domestic consumption.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, we have reached questions Nos. 2,040, 2,118, 2,078, and yet, since March 1, 1966, that is for eight months now, my question No. 910 has been on the order paper.

Would it be possible to find out from the minister or his assistant when it is planned to answer that question which has been on the order paper since March 1, that is for eight months?

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, question No. 910 deals with about 75 crown corporations and the hon. member should understand that it takes more than a week or a month to reply to it. In any case, the answer should be ready very soon.

[English]

EDUCATION

STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER TO DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I ask the Acting Prime Minister this question. Having regard to the terms offered by the Prime Minister on the subject of education in the course of his statement to the federal-provincial conference, what justification is there for the fact that this house was completely ignored and that the Prime Minister saw fit, yesterday afternoon or evening, to make available that speech, to disclose this offer,