

Questions

The figures for 1959 in the foregoing differ from those given in a former reply because this board of referees during that year heard 13 appeals that originated in other offices, under a temporary arrangement.

AIR SERVICE, PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Question No. 932—**Mr. Lamoureux:**

1. Is the government giving further consideration to the possibility of continuing the subsidy on Pacific Western Air Lines prairie service.
2. Has the company informed the government that it will not be in a position to continue this service unless a subsidy is received?
3. Has the government requested T.C.A. to take over this service and, if so, has T.C.A. agreed to assume responsibility for the service?

Mr. McBain: 1, 2 and 3. This question was answered in the statement made by the Minister of Transport in the house on November 27, 1962.

PREMIUM ON HOGS

Question No. 933—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. On what date was the quality premium on hogs reduced from \$3 to \$2?
2. What changes in policy led to this reduction?
3. Does the government plan to restore the premium to the earlier level?
4. What criteria are used to distinguish between grades A, B, C, and D; when were these criteria established; and are they still regarded as generally satisfactory?

Mr. Jorgenson: 1. September 4, 1962.

2. The policy was based on the premise that all Canadians and all segments of the economy should bear some share of the government's efforts to reduce the budget deficit. Since hog prices were at a fairly high level and since the support price was raised last year by roughly \$1.50 per hog, it was considered that this would impose the least burden on this type of producer.

3. There has been no change since a reply was made to a similar question on October 15, 1962.

4. Criteria used to distinguish grades are, weight, type, length, fat and quality. These were established by regulation August 28, 1958. While some difference of opinion exists as to the relative weights applied to each of these criteria, in general they are considered to be satisfactory. The department studies carcass grading standards on a continuous basis with a view to making changes in these criteria and their relationship as information becomes available.

FEED CORN, HALIFAX ELEVATOR

Question No. 934—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. How many bushels of feed corn were in the Halifax elevator on September 29, 1962?
2. How much of the average withdrawal of 26,000 bushels per week of high energy grain was for purposes other than the manufacture of feed?

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Mr. Jorgenson: 1. At the close of business on September 29, 1962, there were 54,602 bushels of corn in store the Halifax elevator.

2. Board of grain commissioners' statistics disclosed the changed stock position week by week, thus indicating the withdrawal volume, but such statistics do not disclose purpose or destination of corn withdrawals.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, MONTMAGNY-L'ISLET CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 936—**Mr. Cook:**

What works, if any, are to be carried out by the Department of Public Works in the fiscal year 1962-63 in the constituency of Montmagny-L'Islet?

Mr. McCleave:

Location	Project	Total Cost
L'Islet	Wharf repairs (completed)	\$4,900
Isle aux Grues	Wharf repairs (completed)	1,000
St. Jean Port Joli	Wharf repairs (completed)	4,500

VANCOUVER, B.C.—TRANSFER OF R.C.A.F. INSTALLATION ON FALSE CREEK

Question No. 937—**Mr. Berger:**

1. Did the Minister of National Defence or anyone on behalf of the minister or his department, or did the Royal Canadian Air Force or anyone acting on its behalf, make any agreement or undertaking, either orally or in writing, during the second world war, to the effect that the R.C.A.F. installations located beneath the Burrard street bridge on the south of False Creek, Vancouver, B.C., would be transferred or leased to the Vancouver parks board or some other agency of the city of Vancouver for parks and recreation purposes, following the cessation of hostilities?

2. Was any such agreement or undertaking made or given at any time following the end of the second world war up to the present time?

Mr. Harkness: 1. There is no record of any such agreement or undertaking.

2. No, but the city of Vancouver was permitted to use approximately 16 acres of this R.C.A.F. land for park and recreational purposes under a leave and license agreement made on December 1, 1958. This arrangement was terminated on May 31, 1962 and replaced by a 20 year lease, effective June 1, 1962, that covered a total of approximately 21 acres of the R.C.A.F. land.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY BRIDGE, JEMSEG, N.B.

Question No. 939—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. What is the total estimated cost of the trans-Canada highway bridge at Jemseg, Queens county, New Brunswick?

2. What proportion of this cost will be paid by the government of Canada?

Mr. McCleave: 1. \$1,632,162.94.

2. Fifty per cent.