

*Order Paper Questions*

4. (a) Yes, our postal employees at Mirabel Airport must effect a bag transfer operation. This consists of taking the bags out of the incoming airline tub carts and transferring them to other airline tub carts for connection with next available domestic flights to Toronto and/or west. (b) Since the start of this new routing, there has been no need to increase the number of postal employees or create overtime at our Mirabel postal facility to cope with this light increase in workload.

5. Overseas letter-rate items are afforded first-class service in Canada.

6. Acquisition of mechanized equipment to sort postal coded mail has reduced overtime and usage of casual labour. It also reduces the number of additional positions that must be filled to process increase in mail volume.

## INCOME TAX OWING

Question No. 1,043—**Mr. Howie:**

As of January 1, 1976, how much income tax owing to the Crown by persons or corporations was unpaid and, of this amount, how much was owing by persons not resident in Canada?

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Revenue):** (a) Corporation Tax, 28,238; \$248,613,000. (b) Individual Tax, 566,472; \$472,823,000.

In so far as income taxes owing by persons not resident in Canada, statistics are not maintained to allow the production of this information.

## DREE—GRANTS TO ALGOMA STEEL CORPORATION

Question No. 1,057—**Mr. Symes:**

1. What is the total dollar value of DREE grants to Algoma Steel Corporation since 1968?

2. How many new jobs were to be created by the grants?

3. How many new jobs have been created as a result of the grants?

**Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** The reply for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: 1. Two offers totalling \$12,000,000 have been made to The Algoma Steel Corporation Limited for projects in Sault Ste. Marie.

2. 1,100 new jobs are expected to be created as a result of these two DREE offers.

3. One of the projects is still under construction and, as the two projects are complementary, the projected increase in employment attributed to the offers will not be realized until both projects have reached commercial production.

## RCMP—PERSONNEL FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 1,087—**Mr. Howie:**

1. For each fiscal year ending March 31 (a) 1970 (b) 1972 (c) 1974 (d) 1976, how many new persons were employed by the RCMP and how many were from the Province of New Brunswick?

2. During each of the same years, how much was paid to the federal government by New Brunswick for RCMP services?

**Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General):** 1.

[Mr. Blais.]

	Employed by RCMP	From the Province of New Brunswick
(a)	785	49
(b)	1,228	80
(c)	1,613	106
(d)	1,313	85

NOTE: These figures do not include Public Servants as data of this nature is not available.

2. New Brunswick paid the Federal Government the following amounts for Provincial Police Services in each fiscal year ending March 31: 1970, \$1,740,722; 1972, \$2,041,414; 1974, \$3,219,950; 1976, \$4,317,886.

## HOSPITAL CARE FOR VETERANS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 1,098—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Since January 1, 1976, has the Department of Veterans Affairs entered into any negotiations with the Province of New Brunswick with a view to increasing the number of hospital beds available to veterans who require (a) active treatment facilities (b) non-active or nursing home facilities?

2. Is the Department (a) conducting negotiations (b) making inquiries into the availability of beds or other facilities for veterans at the Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, New Brunswick and, if so, how many beds does the Department consider desirable?

3. Is there a shortage of (a) active treatment hospital beds (b) non-active treatment or nursing care beds for veterans in New Brunswick and, if so, how many more beds in each category are required?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** 1. (a) No; (b) yes.

2. (a) Yes; (b) yes, 50.

3. (a) No; (b) yes, estimated 50 more beds required, nursing care.

[English]

**Mr. Goodale:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, according to the order paper, the House is due to recess tomorrow for approximately a month. Can the parliamentary secretary give us any assurance that he will make some attempt to clear up some of the outstanding questions on the order paper going back to the beginning of the present session?

**Mr. Goodale:** I think it would probably be useful to point out to hon. members that we have been keeping track over the last several weeks of this session of the rate of response to questions, the rate at which the government has been able to provide answers to questions put by hon. members.