

FARMERS—INCOME TAX—INVESTIGATORS AND ASSESSORS

Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. What was the total amount of income tax payable by farmers in each of the provinces for the year 1947 (a) as assessed by the Department of National Revenue; (b) as declared in the returns filed?

2. How many income tax investigators and assessors are there in each province?

Mr. McCann:

1. (a) Information not yet compiled. (b) Not available until late summer.

2. There are no income tax investigators employed by the taxation division. As of January 31, 1949, the following are the total corporation and individual assessors by provinces:

Prince Edward Island	12
Nova Scotia	56
New Brunswick	44
Quebec	639
Ontario	899
Manitoba	135
Saskatchewan	89
Alberta	154
British Columbia	158
Total	2,186

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Mr. McCullough (Assiniboia):

1. What is the estimated cost to the dominion treasury for an old age pension plan of \$50 per month at 65 years of age: (a) with a means test; (b) without a means test?

2. How many pensioners would have been eligible under either plan in 1948?

Mr. Reid:

1. (a) Assuming (1) that the means test referred to is the same as that now provided in the Old Age Pensions Act and (2) that the percentage of persons 65 years of age and over on pension would be the same as for 70 and over, the estimated cost would be \$232,500,000; Dominion's share on present basis (75 per cent), \$174,400,000; (b) Estimated annual cost of paying a pension of \$50 a month to every person in Canada 65 years of age and over without a means test, \$576,400,000; Dominion's share on present basis (75 per cent), \$432,300,000.

2. (a) Estimated number of pensioners, 403,500; (b) estimated number of pensioners, 960,700.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY—JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS

Mr. Knight:

1. Does the Hudson's Bay company exercise any (a) governmental; (b) judicial function, in the Northwest Territories?

2. If so, by what authority are those functions authorized?

Questions

3. Are white men restricted from trapping in any part of these areas?

4. If so, by whom is such restriction enforced?

Mr. Maybank:

1. (a) No.

(b) No.

Note: The Hudson's Bay Company has trading posts at a great many places in the north where the government is not represented. These posts are equipped with wireless sets. All officials, including post managers, co-operate with government agencies in furnishing reliable information and relieving distress.

2. Answered by 1 (a) (b).

3. The following regulations apply to trapping by white men in the Northwest Territories:

"No person except a native born Indian (or half-breed leading the life of an Indian) or an Eskimo (or half-breed leading the life of an Eskimo) shall engage in hunting or trapping any game protected under the regulations without first securing a licence so to do".

"The following shall be eligible for hunting and trapping licences:

(1) Residents of the Northwest Territories, as defined by these regulations, who on the 3rd May, 1938, held hunting and trapping licences and who continue to reside in the Northwest Territories.

(2) The children of those who have had their domicile in the Northwest Territories for the past four years, provided such children continue to reside in the Northwest Territories.

(3) Such other persons as the commissioner of the Northwest Territories may decide are equally entitled to licences under these regulations.

Note: Only British subjects with four years' residence in the Northwest Territories are eligible for licences under clause 2. A minor under the age of fourteen years shall not be eligible for a licence. A minor assisting his parents or guardians in connection with hunting or trapping operations will not require a licence".

4. The regulations are enforced by Northwest Territories game officers and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN RUSSIA

Mr. Caouette:

1. Has Canada any representatives in Russia?

2. If so, who are they and what annual salary is paid to each?

Mr. Lapointe:

1. Yes.

2. J. B. C. Watkins, charge d'affaires a.i., \$5,640; R. A. J. Phillips, second secretary, \$3,720; M. A. Crowe, third secretary, \$3,180.