

Amend the Public Welfare Act, Royal Assent, April 7, 1966. The Preventive Social Services Act, Royal Assent, April 7, 1966.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS, CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Question No. 1,642—**Mr. Saltsman:**

1. Have any new appointments to the staff of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration been made since January 1, 1966, and, if so (a) how many (b) how many of these were new appointments not previously with the Unemployment Insurance Commission?

2. Do any vacancies now exist in the Department and, if so (a) how many (b) in what fields are these vacancies?

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):

1. Yes. (a) 533; (b) 488.

2. Yes. (a) 1429; (b) Senior managers, 4; Employment service officer, 588; Administrative officer, 182; Technical officer, 24; Economist, 25; Managers, 8; Chief statistician, 1; Management analyst, 7; Chief special programs, 1; Personnel administrator, 19; U.I.C. inspector, 6; Public information officer, 10; Immigration officer, 95; Translator, 7; Assistant (U.K.), 74; Draftsman, 2; Electronic data processor, 2; Cleaning service man, 2; Administrative support, 372.

DISPOSAL OF HEATING EQUIPMENT, OTTAWA

Question No. 1,645—**Mr. Keays:**

1. Has any heating plant equipment been sold or otherwise disposed of, as a result of the conversion of the central heating plant on Cliff street in Ottawa, except to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation?

2. If so (a) what equipment, new or used, was sold or otherwise disposed of and to whom and for what price in each instance (b) who authorized the sale or other disposition of such equipment in each instance and were public tenders invited before such sale or disposition (c) who was the chief engineer at the central heating plant at the time of the sale or other disposition of such equipment?

3. What equipment, if any, was sold or disposed of by C.A.D.C., to whom and for what price in each instance and were public tenders called in respect of such sales or dispositions?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Defence Production and Public Works as follows:

1. Yes.

2. (a) No new equipment was sold or otherwise disposed of. Certain coal firing equipment and accessories which had to be removed to make way for new firing systems became the property of The Consumers' Gas Company, contractor for the conversion work, under the terms of the contract and was removed from the site by the company.

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Certain materials held in stock by the department for use as spare parts for the coal handling equipment was declared surplus to the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation.

After the conversion was completed, as a part of plant maintenance and clean up, it appears that a quantity of spare parts may have been irregularly disposed of. This is under investigation by the R.C.M.P.

(b) The contract for the conversion with The Consumers' Gas Company was authorized by the Treasury Board.

The disposal of the surplus material to the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation was authorized by the superintendent of government buildings, Ottawa.

The plant clean up was authorized by the assistant chief plant engineer.

(c) The chief engineer at the Central Heating Plant at the time was Mr. John L. Hanlon.

3. Nil.

SASKATCHEWAN—COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR RABIES LOSSES

Question No. 1,651—**Mr. Southam:**

Has the government of the province of Saskatchewan made application to the federal government to set up joint legislation similar to that now in existence in Ontario and Quebec under the Federal Provincial Contagious Diseases Compensation Act to provide compensation for those farmers in Saskatchewan who have experienced losses in their herds due to rabies?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): No.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF CENSUS COMMISSIONERS

Question No. 1,654—**Mr. Enns:**

1. Is there a limit or restriction on the political activity of census commissioners?

2. If so, does this restrict such persons from nominating a candidate for a political party or acting as an official agent to a candidate in the provincial election campaign?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1 and 2. Census commissioners are not appointed by the Civil Service Commission but are appointed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce under section 5 of the Statistics Act. Neither the Statistics Act nor the oath of office administered to census commissioners limits or restricts the political activity of census commissioners. The only restriction would be the practical one that the political activity did not interfere with the work or effectiveness of the census commissioner in performing his duties in connection with the taking of the census.