

Questions

C.N.R.—USE OF MARGARINE IN DINING CARS

Question No. 1,217—Mr. Roxburgh:

Does the C.N.R. use margarine in any of its dining cars or restaurants and if so, how much was used from January 1, 1962, to date?

Mr. McBain: No.

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,218—Mr. Roxburgh:

1. How many employees did the department of immigration have at home and abroad in 1961, and what was the overall cost to the government of these employees for 1961, including offices, wages, etc.?

2. How many employees did the department of immigration have in 1956, and what was the total cost of these employees for 1956 to the government including office rents, wages, etc.?

Mr. McGee: 1. As of December 31, 1961, the number of persons employed by the immigration branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration was 2,017, of whom 356 were stationed abroad. The cost to the government of these employees for 1961 was \$9,941,637 for salaries, allowances, travel and removal expenses and rental and maintenance of office quarters.

2. As of December 31, 1956, the number of persons employed by the immigration branch was 1,897, of whom 351 were stationed abroad. The cost of these employees for 1956 was \$7,698,273 for the same expenses shown in (1).

*JOHN FISHER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
PRIME MINISTER

Question No. 1,219—Mr. Matheson:

1. Was John Fisher, special assistant to the Prime Minister, interviewed on the C.T.V. network on June 11, 1962, and, if so, what was the subject of the interview?

2. Is John Fisher paid a salary as a full-time member of the public service of Canada?

3. Do the duties of special assistant to the Prime Minister include broadcasting during general election campaigns?

Mr. Baldwin: 1. Yes, his position.

2. Yes.

3. The duties of special assistant to the Prime Minister are similar to those of any executive officer attached to ministers or to the office of the Leader of the Opposition.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twil-lingate): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I might address a question to the hon. member for Peace River in his capacity as parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister and ask the hon. gentleman if it would be possible for him to complete the answer to part 1 of starred question No. 1,219, which asks what was the subject of the interview given by

[Mr. Jorgenson.]

John Fisher, special assistant to the Prime Minister, on the C.T.V. network on June 11, 1962, during the election campaign?

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question was answered.

Mr. Pickersgill: It was not answered.

IMPORTS OF ICE CREAM FROM ENGLAND

Question No. 1,221—Mr. Dumont:

1. What quantity of ice cream imported from England, came through the port of Montreal in the week of December 12, 1962?

2. What quantity was imported throughout the year?

3. Have these imports contributed to an increase in the surplus of dairy products in Canada and, if so, what is the amount of increase in the surplus of dairy products in Canada and, if so, what is the amount of increase in expenditure on subsidies for dairy products?

Mr. Halpenny: 1 and 2. There are no statistics on imports of ice cream, nor on imports in particular weeks of the year. If ice cream imports were cleared under tariff item 141, they would be included in import class 242 "Flavouring powders, custard powders, jelly powders, sweetened breads, cakes, pies, puddings, and all other confections containing sugar n.o.p." Documents relating to December imports will not be processed for several weeks.

3. Although specific information on imports of ice cream is not available, the Department of Agriculture made a chemical examination of 3,000 pounds of import product, erroneously invoiced as ice cream, which arrived at Montreal from England during the week of December 12, 1962. The examination revealed that there was no milk fat or other milk product in the commodity and therefore its importation did not contribute to an increase of dairy products in Canada nor to an increase in total subsidies paid on dairy products.

PROJECTS UNDER VOTE 12A OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Question No. 1,225—Mr. MacEachen:

1. What projects will be undertaken from vote 12A of the supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1963?

2. In what localities and counties of Cape Breton are these projects located, and what is the number of men employed on each project?

3. What are the rates of pay and the lodging arrangements for these workers?

4. Are unemployed miners from the Doucette mine in Inverness given preference in these forestry projects?

5. Of unemployed miners currently employed on any such projects, what number are (a) from the Doucette mine, Inverness, and (b) from Cape Breton county?