

LÉVIS, QUE. POSTMASTER

Question No. 2,628—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. How long is it since Mr. L. P. Sirois retired as postmaster of Lévis?
2. What was the result of the competition organized to find a replacement for him?
3. Will a new competition be held?
4. Who has taken over the position in the meantime and how many months has he been in charge?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):

1. June 30, 1966.
2. Mr. J. H. Gélinas, Postmaster, Cap-de-la-Madeleine was selected as a replacement.
3. No.
4. Mr. J. D. A. Fradette has been Acting Postmaster since June 30, 1966.

[English]

RADAR STATION, SAINT-SYLVESTRE, QUE.

Question No. 2,640—**Mr. Caouette:**

Regarding the radar station in Saint-Sylvestre (Lotbinière), which is no longer in operation (a) what was the cost of construction (b) when was it finished (c) for how many years was it in operation (d) when did it cease operating, and for what reason (e) by whom and to whom was it sold (f) for what amount?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):

I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Defence Production as follows: (a) \$13,200,000 (Canada's share \$1,740,000); (b) 1954; (c) Ten years; (d) 1964, as it became redundant due to increased coverage of other radar sites; (e) By Crown Assets Disposal Corporation to Domaine St. Sylvestre Inc., Victoriaville, Que.; (f) \$120,030.

IMPORTS OF SEMI-FINISHED TEXTILES

Question No. 2,643—**Mr. Allard:**

1. Did Canadian textile companies import semi-finished products such as yellow cotton, in 1966 and in 1967 and, if so (a) are these unfinished textile products spun and woven abroad and subsequently bleached and printed in Canadian textile industries and then sold as Canadian products (b) what countries send these semi-finished textile products, and which Canadian textile companies promote such imports?

2. Are these semi-finished textile products part of voluntary self-imposed quotas accepted by Japan, Hong Kong and other countries which have accepted voluntary quotas with regard to Canada?

3. Do these semi-finished textile products enter Canada as raw materials and as such, are they subject to low Canadian duty rates?

4. What was the quantity and the overall value of semi-finished textile imports as compared with all textile imports into Canada, for the years 1965 and 1966?

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Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):

1. (a) (b) A variety of types of textile products at varying stages of manufacture are imported by Canadian textile companies for further processing in Canada. These include greige woven cotton fabrics which are bleached, printed or otherwise finished in Canada. Many countries export partly-processed textile products to Canada for further manufacture, but because of the statistical problem, (explained below in answer to question 4) it is not possible to identify the particular countries or the particular Canadian companies involved.

2. The limits applied by a number of countries on their exports of certain textile products to Canada generally do not exempt partly processed products which are intended for further manufacture in Canada.

3. The rates of duty for textile products generally increase with the degree of processing, although there are a few exceptions. Thus partly processed products generally bear lower rates of duty than fully processed goods.

4. The value of all textile imports in 1965 was \$581,880,000. The 1966 figure is not yet available. It is not possible to divide this figure between semi-finished and fully finished products. This is because no distinction is made in DBS import statistics between greige fabrics imported for use as such and those imported for further processing. For some types of textile products both partly finished and fully finished products are grouped together in the statistics.

ARDA REPORT ON EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 2,644—**Mr. MacEwan:**

Has the report of the joint task force of ARDA on the nine eastern counties of Nova Scotia been completed, and (a) if so, has it been submitted to the government (b) if not, when is it expected that this report will be completed?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):

(a) The report by the joint task force of ARDA on the nine eastern counties of Nova Scotia has not been completed. (b) It has not been submitted to the government. (c) It is expected that this report will be completed and submitted to the government by March 15.

*DISMISSALS OF CIVIL SERVANTS FOR CAUSE

Question No. 2,647—**Mr. Winkler:**

How many civil servants have been dismissed for cause in the last year for which statistics are readily available?