

Questions

5. Is it the intention of the Canadian Government to pay each invited guest a daily sum of money in lieu of incidental expenses and, if so (a) how much (b) for how many days?

6. Which of the invited guests accepted the invitation under the above conditions?

7. How many refused the invitation and the conditions?

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): In response to starred Question No. 132, Mr. Speaker, there are seven sections to this question. I will answer as briefly as possible.

1. A group of 10 editors and senior executives of major United States newspapers, magazines and broadcasting companies were invited to visit Ottawa on February 28 and 29 for informal meetings with ministers and senior government officials in order to give these people of the United States a better understanding of Canadian problems.

2. The members of the group were Charles Bartlett, syndicated columnist for the Chicago *Sun Times*, and other papers, Washington; Robert Christopher, Executive Editor, Newsweek, New York; James Greenfield, Foreign Editor, New York *Times*, New York; Graham Hovey, Member, Editorial Board, New York *Times*, New York; John Hughes, Editor, Christian Science Monitor, Boston; Robert Manning, Editor, Atlantic Monthly, Boston; Les Midgley, Executive Producer, Columbia Broadcasting System, New York; Stewart Pinkerton, Chief, Dow Jones Service in Canada, Montreal; A. M. Rosenthal, Managing Editor, New York *Times*, New York; Stanley Swinton, Assistant General Manager and Director of World Services, Associated Press, New York.

3. The New York *Times* is represented in the Press Gallery by Mr. Jay Walz and Dow Jones News Service in Canada by Mr. Mitchell Lynch.

4. The group was invited under the Visits Program of the Department of External Affairs. Following the practice of other countries, visiting foreign journalists are offered transportation and a per diem allowance for accommodation and meals while they are in Canada.

5. In the case of this particular group the great majority, representing as they do large organizations, preferred to pay their own expenses.

6 and 7. Organizations or newspapers invited to take part in the visit to Ottawa accepted the invitation, although in several cases, because of difficulty in timing, the organizations asked if their visit might be deferred to a later date.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to report that the visit took place on schedule and all concerned found it a very interesting exchange of views which will, undoubtedly, help to provide a better understanding of Canada in the United States.

*YVES GEOFFROY CASE—APPLICATION FOR VISA

Question No. 193—**Mr. McCleave:**

Do any nations, faced with applications for visas from Canadian citizens, ask for information about such citizens from the Department of External Affairs, and particularly, did such take place with regard to the name used on the passport in the Yves Geoffroy case?

[Mr. McIntosh.]

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Department of External Affairs receives such requests from time to time. Generally this happens when the visa-granting nation has some reason to suspect that it is dealing with a criminal.

However, no such request was made concerning the name used on the passport obtained by Yves Geoffroy.

BEAUCE CONSTITUENCY—DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL

Question No. 264—**Mr. Rodrigue:**

How many people are employed by the Department of Agriculture in the constituency of Beauce and (a) what are their names (b) what position does each occupy?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

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| (a) J. F. L. St-Onge | (b) Sub-District Veterinarian |
| C. Lavigne | Veterinarian |
| J. D. E. Marcotte | Primary Products Inspector |
| L. Fillian | Clerk |

Mr. Crouse: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Late last year I placed a question on the order paper dealing with an expenditure of the Department of Public Works. It is a very simple question seeking information from the government. The question was not answered. I again placed it on the order paper at the beginning of this session. It stands as No. 68 under date of February 18. I wonder when I may expect an answer in view of the time that has elapsed since the question was originally asked.

Mr. Jerome: I will certainly look into question No. 68.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I raise again a point of order I raised a week ago with regard to question No. 156 on the order paper. This is the second time of asking. This question was also raised during the last session and not answered. Inasmuch as the Department of the Secretary of State issued a press release on this matter last month I wonder why there should be such an inordinate delay in answering such a straightforward question.

An hon. Member: That is not a point of order.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Notices of Motions Nos. 2, 3, 6 and 17.