

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITION

MR. HUDECKI—SOCIAL INJUSTICES IN EL SALVADOR

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the fifty-third report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Hudecki) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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[Translation]

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Tenth report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs—Mr. Cullen.

[Editor's note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,171, 2,220, 2,305 and 2,306.

[Text]

TRADE COMMISSIONERS

Question No. 2,171—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Are any trade delegates in the employ of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and, if so (a) how many (b) how many are based in Canada and which countries did they visit in the last year?

2. Are Canadian businessmen invited to join the delegates when they travel and, if so, what means are employed to ensure appropriate knowledge of such trips?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State (Trade)): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

1. Yes.

(a) Two hundred and twenty-nine trade commissioners and 166 commercial officers posted in 67 countries.

(b) In addition, 81 trade commissioners presently posted in Canada, many of whom will have travelled outside of Canada including 67 countries where we maintain posts.

2. Canadian businessmen frequently visit foreign markets with the support of the Department of Industry, Trade and

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Commerce under various programs for participation in fairs, missions and export market studies. When participating in fairs and missions, they are usually accompanied by representatives of the department. In all cases, our officers at the posts provide assistance. Businessmen are informed of the various programs in which they can participate through contact with the department's regional offices and business information centres across the country and branches in Ottawa, contact with provincial trade and industry departments, and direct advertising.

CBC—PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ANNUAL MEETING

Question No. 2,220—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. (a) Did a CBC employee identify himself as a member of the staff of CBC Radio and approach a delegate or alternate from Leeds-Grenville at the recent Progressive Conservative annual meeting and inform the person that he looked unhappy and did he ask him why (b) did the delegate or alternate reply that he was very happy and did the CBC employee state to the delegate or alternate "Don't you think this is the worst organized convention you have ever seen?" (c) did the delegate or alternate advise the CBC employee that he disagreed with him entirely and, following this statement, did the CBC employee express disgust and depart elsewhere?

2. Is it the policy of CBC to instruct or to allow employees to ask questions designed to provoke statements from members of other political parties that would damage such parties and, if so, what are all the reasons?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):

I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

1. The CBC has no way of identifying which, if any, of its employees had the conversation cited in the question.

2. If the conversation quoted in part 1 of the question did take place, the CBC would not condone the expression of a personal opinion of that kind by one of its on-duty employees. However, in the context of an interview, it is in the nature of interviewing for broadcast or print that a reporter will try to elicit as much information as he can from his interviewee, and in the course of such interviews it is possible that the interviewee will volunteer statements that others might consider damaging to their cause or group. In this latter context, CBC news policy would not be contravened.

CBC—MR. MARK STAROWICZ

Question No. 2,305—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is Mr. Mark Starowicz employed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and, if so (a) what is his position (b) does he have any control or authority of any kind over the content of CBC national news broadcasts or telecasts and, if so, what are the details (c) has he ever received security clearance and, if so (i) what are the details (ii) by whom was the clearance given (d) at any time was his security clearance in question and, if so, what are all the details?

2. (a) Did Mr. Al Johnson, president of the CBC, play any part in the appointment of Mr. Starowicz to his present position and, if so, what are the details (b) what are the names of all persons who were involved in this appointment?