

Questions

SALE OF CANNED PORK

Mrs. Fairclough:

1. Who was the successful tenderer with respect to tenders called for government-owned canned pork, January 27, 1954?
2. At what price?
3. What quantity was thus disposed of?
4. What was the date of receipt of the successful tender?
5. What other tenders were received?
6. In accordance with the terms of tender, did the successful tenderer place a deposit of 5 per cent of the bid with the Bank of Montreal prior to 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 25?
7. Has the purchaser taken delivery and paid for the canned luncheon pork in full?
8. Has it been exported?
9. If so, (a) when; (b) to what country; (c) in what quantity?

Mr. McCubbin:

1. Canada Packers Limited, Toronto.
2. 16.65c. per pound, F.A.S. eastern Canadian shipping point.
3. 8,837,222 pounds.
4. January 25, 1954.
5. Tenders, accompanied by deposits, were received from Colossal Lines Ltd., Montreal, Joseph B. Schechter, Jr., Vancouver, Frank Blum & Sons, Pittsburgh.
6. Notification of the deposit was received verbally from the Bank of Montreal on the morning of January 26, prior to the consideration of tenders.
7. Final transfer of title of stocks is now being completed.
8. It was a condition of the tender that sales by the buyer were to be made off the North American continent. Beyond ensuring compliance with that provision, the government is not a party to sales made by the buyer and, therefore, is not in a position to give information with respect to such sales.
9. See answer to No. 8.

"CANADIAN ESKIMO ART"

Mr. Thatcher:

1. What was the total cost to the government of printing the publication "Canadian Eskimo Art"?
2. What was the purpose served by this publication?
3. How many copies have been sold at the specific price of 25 cents per copy?

Mr. Lesage:

1. The final cost of printing "Canadian Eskimo Art" has not been computed as publication has not yet been entirely completed. The cost estimated by the queen's printer is \$1,202.15 for 10,000 copies.
 2. This publication was primarily designed to bring to the attention of the public, both in Canada and abroad, the art of Canadian Eskimos. Canadian Eskimo art is receiving steadily greater national and international
- [Mr. McCubbin.]

recognition and its sale is becoming an increasingly important part of the Eskimo economy; this publication was intended, in part, to assist in the program of marketing Eskimo art. Income earned by the Eskimos through the sale of their art will reduce the amount of financial assistance that might otherwise have to be given to them from public funds.

3. Printing of this publication has not been entirely completed and the queen's printer has not yet received stocks for sale. Already, however, orders totalling about 2,500 copies have been received. These will be sold at a price of 25 cents per copy, with the usual discount for quantity orders.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

TELEVISION APPLICATION, HULL, QUE.

Mr. Gagnon:

For a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Department of Transport or any agency under that department and the CKCH Hull Broadcasting Company Limited and the Canadian Marconi Corporation, in connection with a project for the installation of a television station for the Hull-Ottawa district.

Mr. Chevrier: Return tabled.

RESERVE ARMY—RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Diefenbaker:

For a copy of the report on and recommendations for improvements and changes in the Canadian reserve army made by a committee of senior officers to the Department of National Defence, between the months of November, 1953 and February, 1954.

Mr. Campney: Mr. Speaker, the report referred to in the hon. member's motion is a report made by three senior officers with respect to the Canadian reserve army. The three officers constituted a board appointed by the chief of the general staff with the concurrence of the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Claxton). The report was prepared following extensive studies and was made to the chief of the general staff in confidence to assist the department and the government in consideration of defence policy. I submit, and I think most hon. members will agree, that in such circumstances the document is not subject to production but is privileged. I might mention that the Minister of National Defence referred to this matter on May 21, when the estimates of our department were under consideration; and what he then indicated, I now only wish to confirm, namely that the government must oppose this motion.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, if I may speak to the motion, I suggest that this is not a motion for something that is privileged.