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SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY

**Question No. 1,367—Mr. Robinson:**

Has the government any programme to encourage the sugar beet industry in Canada as a means of reducing the price of sugar and the necessity of importing sugar at high inflationary prices?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** In so far as the Agricultural Stabilization Act is concerned sugar beets is not a mandatory commodity and a support program is not currently in effect.

SEVERAL GRADES FOR PRODUCE

**Question No. 1,368—Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government consider the advisability of providing several grades of produce, apart from Canada No. 1, etc., so that up to 30 per cent of production will not be wasted as unfit for market, particularly when there is nothing wrong with the produce nutritionally, but primarily only in appearance of the vegetable, meat, etc.?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** In general, grades are provided beyond Canada No. 1 to cover all wholesome products. For meat there are grades to cover all livestock carcasses. For fresh fruits several additional grades are provided. For vegetables, the great demand is for Canada No. 1 and in case of most fresh vegetables one additional grade only is provided to cover the rest of the wholesome product.

COMPETITION FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OFFICERS

**Question No. 1,456—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to Public Service poster number 75 ASP CCID AS 5 advertising a competition for Official Languages Officers, for what reason are there no minimum educational requirements outlined or required in the poster for such positions?

2. (a) Is it not customary for certain minimum educational standards to be required in connection with government employment depending on the nature of such employment in each case (b) is the only requirement in regard to government employment in connection with bilingual matters that the individual speak both languages at least to some degree regardless of education?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. The minimum educational requirements of the administrative services group are "an ability normally associated with completion of secondary school education and demonstrated capability, through work history, for administrative work in related areas". Except at the lower levels of the groups (levels 1 to 3), where the minima apply, or in special circumstances, where the particular requirements of the job demand higher or specialized educational qualifications, no reference is made to "educational" requirements as such. At more senior levels the "basic requirements" include an "ability" level more demanding but inclusive of the educational equivalent of lower levels. Poster competition 75-ASP-CCID-AS5 involves the AS7 level.

2. (a) Yes, it is customary for certain educational standards to be required depending on the nature of the duties in each case. However, the requirements are, in some cases, stated in terms of the knowledge or ability acquired through education, rather than in terms of formal certification. (b) Bilingual positions have the educational,

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knowledge and ability requirements typical of the group and level to which they belong, except for additional requirements necessitated by special cases. The linguistic requirement of a bilingual position is the only requirement that does not apply. Once the successful candidate is chosen, language training is provided if needed to meet the linguistic requirements of the position.

AUSTRALIAN REQUIREMENTS OF VISAS FOR CANADIANS

**Question No. 1,469—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the government's attitude to the decision of the Government of Australia to require visas for Canadian and Commonwealth citizens wishing to visit that country?

2. Has the government in any way discussed, or made objection to, this move on the part of Australia and (a) if so, on what date and what are the details (b) if not, for what reason?

3. Has the government considered, or will it consider, reciprocal action to deal with this step taken by Australia?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. The decision of the government of Australia was taken in the light of that country's interests on which it would not be appropriate for the Canadian government to comment. The decision applies to all countries except New Zealand.

2. No objection has been registered. However the implications of this Australian decision have been discussed by officials of our two governments.

3. The government has no plans at present to take reciprocal action in respect of Australia.

AIRPORT INQUIRY COMMISSION

**Question No. 1,514—Mr. Mazankowski:**

What was the total cost of the Airport Inquiry Commission headed by Justice Hugh Gibson?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** As of February 10, 1975—\$756,379.33.

AMOUNT PAID TO EACH PROVINCE IN 1974 BY DREE AND PAIT

**Question No. 1,518—Mr. Reynolds:**

What were the actual dollar amounts paid out in 1974 to each individual province and territory (a) by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion (b) by PAIT?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** In so far as the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is concerned:

April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974

(a) Province	Total Expenditure	
	Budgetary	and Non-Budgetary
	(\$000's)	
Newfoundland	50,947	
Prince Edward Island	19,553	
Nova Scotia	35,022	
New Brunswick	57,938	
Quebec	167,071	
Ontario	12,692	
Manitoba	14,824	
Saskatchewan	16,711	