

Questions

PANARCTIC OILS LIMITED

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the annual report of Panarctic Oils Limited for 1968.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

AUTHORITY FOR POWER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS

Question No. 1,080—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. At the present time, under what authority is power to adopt regulations granted to (a) the Cabinet or the Governor in Council (b) Ministers (c) any other body, individual or government agency?

2. Over the past five years, what federal regulations have been rescinded, in whole or in part by a jurisdictional body, with reference in each case?

3. Before a regulation is adopted, what steps are taken to ensure that it does not go beyond the delegated authority limits agreed to by Parliament?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. and 3. The answers to this question have been furnished in general terms in the government's response to questions posed by the Special Committee on Statutory Instruments. As to the actual regulatory powers they are set out in the Statutes which are public documents.

2. There has been no comprehensive record kept of the instances where a regulation has been nullified.

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION—APPLICATION OF STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER

Question No. 1,546—**Mr. Matte:**

Is it the government's intention to avail itself of the provisions of the Statute of Westminster-1931 in order to resolve problems now being faced in constitutional matters?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): The government, in its constitutional discussions with the provinces, pays heed to all statutes of a special constitutional nature in force in Canada.

[Mr. McIlraith.]

MINIMUM LIVING STANDARD—STUDY OF ESSENTIAL FACTORS

Question No. 1,655—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Has the government undertaken or will it undertake a study in order to define the essential factors of a satisfactory minimum living standard and, if so, when will the report be available?

2. Who are the members of the Task Force working on such study?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1 and 2. At the present time there is no study underway at the federal level to define and identify minimum standards for satisfactory living. However, a proposal for such a study has been made and consideration is being given to this matter.

REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE LABRADOR QUESTION PRIOR TO 1964

Question No. 1,658—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. With regard to the answer to Question No. 979, concerning Labrador, what correspondence, briefs or other documents did the government receive relating to this matter, prior to 1964?

2. What was the substance of these documents, and with whom did they originate?

3. Will these documents be made public, and if not, for what reason?

4. Has the government studied, or will it study, the Labrador question?

[Translation]

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): 1 and 2. In 1907 the Governments of Canada and the Colony of Newfoundland agreed to submit the question of the Labrador boundary between Canada and Newfoundland to the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The Department of Justice records on this subject consist of sixteen volumes and numerous large storage pockets, containing correspondence and memoranda with reference to the conduct and preparation of the case, exchanged between the Department of Justice and various other government departments and the governments of Newfoundland and Quebec, all of which are privileged documents. The latter part of the file consists of correspondence from interested parties and libraries requesting copies of "The Labrador Boundary Case", a small number of which were available for free distribution. The case consisted of twelve volumes. Sets were distributed to libraries throughout Canada, the United States and Europe.

3. The documents have been made public in the form of "The Labrador Boundary