

Questions

Mr. McIlraith: I had asked that it stand; but now, in view of the question raised and the remarks made by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre, I would be very happy to ask the permission of the house to withdraw the motion.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Question No. 1,823—**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):**

1. What is the total number of members to be appointed to the planning committee for the Canadian conference on human rights to be held in 1968?
2. How many of these have been appointed to date?
3. How many of these are women?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):

1. The government has not appointed any planning committee for a Canadian conference on human rights to be held in 1968, nor has it been decided that there should be a national conference as part of the Canadian observance of the international year for human rights. The Secretary of State did invite the Canadian Citizenship Council to hold a national consultation on the participation of the voluntary sector in the Canadian observance in 1968. The consultation was held on September 12, 13 and 14, and a provisional committee, composed of six women and nine men, was appointed to submit program proposals to a founding conference which is to be held in early February.
2. N.A.
3. N.A.

*ARDA—REGIONAL OFFICES

Question No. 1,875—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date was Amherst, Nova Scotia, selected as the regional office of ARDA for the Atlantic area by the Minister of Forestry?
2. On what date was Moncton, New Brunswick, selected as the regional office of ARDA for the Atlantic area by the Minister of Forestry?
3. Where will the regional offices of ARDA be located in the city of Moncton and on what date will these offices be available?
4. Was it the original intention of the Minister of Forestry when selecting Amherst as the site of the ARDA regional headquarters to have their offices located in the federal building planned for construction in 1967?

[Mr. Speaker.]

5. Did the Department of Public Works agree to the establishment of temporary offices for use by employees of the ARDA regional office staff at Amherst and, if so, what has been the cost of preparing the offices in question, what has been the estimated expenditure by the government to obtain such space both with regard to alteration and lease, and what was the term of the lease?

6. What specific improvements will be available to the rural citizens of Atlantic Canada through the location of the ARDA regional headquarters at Moncton, New Brunswick, and what transportation facilities will be available to the office at Moncton that were not available at Amherst?

7. How many employees presently associated with the ARDA and MMRA offices at Amherst, Nova Scotia, will be transferred to Moncton, New Brunswick?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): The answer to question No. 1 is November, 1965. The answer to question No. 2 is August 22, 1966. The answer to question No. 3 is that office space has not yet been leased. The answer to question No. 4 is yes.

The answer to question No. 5 is that the Department of Public Works, at the request of the Department of Forestry, has leased space at Amherst for the two year period beginning on July 1, 1966, at \$4,880 per annum with an option to the Crown to renew for a further period of one year at the same rate. Certain alterations costing \$8,967 have been made. This space is to be used by the ARDA administration for engineering and technical services until space in the new federal building becomes available. The construction period for that building is expected to be about two years.

The answer to question No. 6 is the proximity of the headquarters of the Department of Manpower and Immigration and the headquarters of the rural development branch of the Department of Forestry and Rural Development will facilitate ease of communication and greater co-operation between agencies working with the people of rural Canada. Airline facilities will be more convenient and train connections better in Moncton.

The answer to question No. 7 is 14. Twenty nine employees will remain in Amherst.

APPLICATIONS FOR LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS

Question No. 1,926—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Since the statement by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration on July 8, 1966, how many persons who were on that date, in Canada as visitors, have applied for landed immigrant status?