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STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

Question No. 334—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government in co-operation with native people, establish or expand friendship centres directed and staffed by people of Indian, Métis or Eskimo ancestry, to provide needed services?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Upon the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, the Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State instituted a five year program to establish, support and develop friendship centres for native people. This program includes core funding of friendship centres for the first two years of operation, a capital fund to improve the present facilities of friendship centres, and a personnel training fund to secure development opportunities for friendship centre staff. Native people are encouraged to participate in all levels of administration and are, in fact, very active in the entire movement. At present forty one (41) friendship centres have been funded under this program and are located in Quebec, Ontario, the western provinces and the Territories.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RECOMMENDATION THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPOINT MORE WOMEN JUDGES

Question No. 335—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government name more women judges to all courts within their jurisdiction?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Since the publication of the report of the Royal Commission three women have been appointed as judges. Madam Justice Mable VanCamp was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario in November 1972, Judge Janet Boland was appointed a County Court Judge of Ontario on January 27, 1972 and Madame Justice Claire l'Heureux-Dubé was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Quebec on February 8, 1973.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RIGHT OF WIVES TO BE INDEPENDENT APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO CANADA

Question No. 336—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the Immigration Division of the federal Department of Manpower and Immigration review its policies and practices to ensure that the right of a wife to be an independent applicant for admission to Canada is always respected and that wives are made fully aware of this right?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The right of a wife to be an independent applicant is inherent in the Immigration Act and Regulations. The term presently used "head of family" does not mean the husband but that

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spouse who is financially responsible for providing the necessities of life for the family on a continuing basis. All immigration counselling officers apply this definition and in those cases where the husband cannot meet the selection criteria, the wife is being examined as "head of family". The possibility of making this fact known to all independent applicants by an explanatory note on the Application for Permanent Admission to Canada is being investigated.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO IMMIGRATION ACT CONCERNING HEAD OF FAMILY

Question No. 337—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal Immigration Act and Regulations be amended by the elimination of the term "head of a family" wherever it appears in the legislation and by the substitution of the exact meaning which is intended in each case?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The Immigration Act defines "head of family" as that person in the family upon whom the other members are mainly dependent for support. Operational instructions to Departmental staff clearly indicate that this may be either the husband or the wife. The recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women with regard to this point have been accepted in principle and as soon as the Government's legislative timetable permits, appropriate amendments will be introduced containing more precise terminology which will in no way denote the sex of the individual.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RECOMMENDATION OF AUTOMATIC RESUMPTION OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Question No. 338—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the Canadian Citizenship Act be amended to provide for the automatic resumption of Canadian citizenship by women who lost it because they married aliens before January 1, 1947?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act to provide for the automatic resumption of Canadian citizenship by women who lost it because they married aliens before January 1, 1947, has been sympathetically considered and opportunity for discussion will be given members of the House at the time the new citizenship bill or major amendments to the current Act are introduced.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Question No. 339—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that (a) a Women's Programme Secretariat be established in the Privy Council Office for promoting a programme for equality of opportunity for women in the federal Government Service and the greater use of