

self contained units since construction of large multiple housing accommodation is normally carried out throughout the year.

\*RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE

*Question No. 1,446—Mr. Côté (Chicoutimi):*

Did the Secretary of State recently receive or take notice of a letter from eight federal government employees alleging racial discrimination in the federal civil service, and, if so, (a) has the Secretary of State investigated the allegations and (b) what steps are being taken with respect to such representations?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, a search has been made of the departmental files and the civil service commission files, and no such letter appears to have been received.

*Questions*

QUOTAS ON IMPORTS FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES

*Question No. 1,448—Mr. Scott:*

1. Has the government concluded the negotiations mentioned by the Minister of Trade and Commerce in *Hansard*, May 23, 1963, concerning the persuading of Portugal, Israel, Hong Kong and Formosa to accept quotas on certain exports to Canada?

2. If so, in the case of each country, what is the nature and size of each quota, and what goods and/or commodities are covered by the quota?

3. How long will such quotas be in effect?

4. How will exports to Canada under these quotas compare with exports to Canada prior to such quotas?

**Mr. Benson:** 1. Yes.

2. See table following.

3. The present understandings relate to the periods shown in the answer to No. 2.

4. See answer to No. 2.