

Questions

urban residential property, farmland, industries, and other property. According to a well-established principle of international law, the Canadian government advances those claims which belonged to Canadian citizens at the time of loss and continuously thereafter until the presentation of the claim to the Polish authorities.

2. Within three years after the end of World War II, the Canadian government approached the Polish government with a view to reaching a settlement of nationalization claims of Canadian citizens. However, although this question was reviewed periodically, no basis for progress was found until 1965 when an understanding was reached whereby the Polish authorities agreed to enter into negotiations toward a lump-sum settlement of Canadian claims on the basis of principles similar to those applied in settlements which Poland has concluded with other countries. The Department of External Affairs issued a public announcement on September 1, 1965, inviting Canadians to submit their claims against Poland to this department before January 1, 1966. This deadline was subsequently extended to May 1, 1966. These claims are now being examined in the Department of External Affairs in preparation for negotiations with the Polish authorities. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, upon his return from an official visit to Poland among other countries, stated in the House on November 17, 1966, that "the Polish government is desirous of settling the long-standing matter of the claims of certain Canadians arising out of post-war nationalizations, and in the very near future we expect to enter into detailed negotiations to that end".

3. The Department of External Affairs had on record, as of January 26, 1967, 562 claims against Poland. Some of these claims are not eligible for espousal by the Canadian government because the requirements of the rule of continuous nationality (see part 1) have not been met. In other cases, the claim may not be espousable because there is no evidence of loss or because the Polish government is not responsible in international law for the loss as, for example, where the loss occurred as a result of a general devaluation of the currency.

It is not usual practice to reveal the names of registered claimants prior to inter-governmental claims negotiations.

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

[English]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

MEETINGS OF PROPRIETARY CORPORATIONS

Question No. 2,108—**Mr. Latulippe:**

1. With regard to each proprietary corporation, who convenes the board of directors and how is this done?

2. For each of the last three fiscal years, how many times has the board of directors of each proprietary corporation held a meeting and how many days does this represent?

3. Does the Minister of Finance, the responsible minister, or the governor in council give instructions to proprietary corporations and, if so, what are those instructions?

4. Who decides on the agenda for such meetings?

5. Are there any internal regulations with regard to the operation of the board of directors of each proprietary corporation?

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FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO LOUISBOURG, N.S.

Question No. 2,275—**Mr. Douglas:**

1. Were any payments made by any department of the federal government or by any crown corporation to the town of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, between January 1, 1960, and November 30, 1966?

2. If so (a) on what dates were such payments made (b) what was the amount of each such payment (c) what was the purpose for which each payment was made?

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[Translation]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Bécharde (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for papers No. 202 is acceptable to the government.

Would Your Honour be so kind as to call notice of motion No. 200?

I ask that the remaining notices of motions be allowed to stand.

[English]

C.B.C. PAYMENTS TO MESSRS SAYWELL AND RICKER

Motion No. 200—**Mr. Cowan:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence, telegrams or other documents, dated since January 1, 1961, exchanged between the Secretary of State or any agency or department of the government of Canada relating to payments made to John T. Saywell and/or John C. Ricker by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and a list setting out in detail each such payment to each such person.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I understand there is no correspondence between the Department of the