Questions

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—ST. MAURICE, QUE.—EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Mr. Caouette:

1. Were certain local employees or officers of the Canadian National Railways (St. Maurice division) employed on the recommendation of the minister or through the patronage of their member of parliament?

2. If so, what are the names of such employees; what are their respective duties and what recommendations were made by the minister?

3. What recommendations were made by members of parliament and what is the name of the member in each case?

Mr. Chevrier:

The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. There is no operating division or subdivision bearing the name of St. Maurice, but if the question were of general application the answer would be no.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Answered by No. 1.

The management of the railway state that individuals taken into the service of the Canadian National Railways are engaged having regard for their age, their physical fitness, their educational standard, their character and the feeling of employing officers who will be capable of performing the duties assigned to them. Recommendations from individuals can only be considered in applying the foregoing tests. Certainly no employee or officer is engaged merely because of a recommendation by anyone in public life or otherwise.

IMMIGRATION-DR. MICHAEL SEIGNEUR

Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. By what mode or modes of transportation did Dr. Michael Seigneur, his wife and children enter Canada and what were the dates of arrival of each of them?

2. If transportation was by ship, give name of ship and steamship line?

3. Did the Canadian immigration authorities examine their credentials and screen them prior to embarkation or departure from Europe?

4. At what Canadian port or ports were they admitted to Canada?

5. Were they in possession of landing cards? If so, who signed the same?

6. If entry was made by way of the United States by them, or any of them, who were the Canadian immigration authorities who admitted them?

7. When did any of the immigration officials first become aware that Seigneur and/or wife and family were in Canada?

8. Have any documents been issued legalizing the the entry into Canada of the said persons?

9. If so, what is the nature thereof?

10. Was an order in council passed? If so, what is the number and date thereof?

Mr. MacKinnon:

1. Dr. Michael Lucien Seigneur entered Canada from New York by the Delaware and

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Hudson Railway, on December 1, 1946. Mrs. Seigneur, with her children, entered Canada from New York by Colonial Air Lines, on June 1, 1947.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. There were no immigration officials in France at the time. Dr. Seigneur, under the name of Vincent Desgarets, did apply to the Canadian embassy at Paris for a non-immigrant visa as a student for temporary entry to study at College Stanislas, Montreal. This was granted.

4. Dr. Seigneur entered Canada at Lacolle, P.Q. Mrs. Seigneur and her children entered Canada at Montreal, Dorval airport.

5. Non-immigrants are not required to be in possession of a landing card under immigration regulations.

6. As no individual record is kept of nonimmigrants entering Canada from the United States, no record was made of the entry of Dr. Seigneur and his family.

7. On February 26, 1948, when Dr. Seigneur applied for landing for himself and family.

8. By order in council P.C. 2920, dated June 29, 1948, the provisions of P.C. 4849 and P.C. 4851 were waived in respect of Dr. Seigneur and his family.

9. Answered by No. 8.

10. Answered by No. 8.

OUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

LEGAL SERVICES—CHAPLEAU AND PONTIAC COUNTIES

Mr. Caouette:

1. What are the names of the lawyers and notaries residing in the counties of Chapleau and Pontiac who have acted as agents for the different departments or boards of the federal government during the years 1945 to January 1, 1949? 2. What amount of fees has been paid annually to

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SHIPMENT OF GOODS TO CHINA

Mr. Lennard:

1. Have shipments left Canada for China since January 1, 1949?

2. If so (a) what goods and in what quantities; (b) to whom; (c) how are they being paid for?

3. Are shipments still going forward?

DAIRY INDUSTRY—OLEOMARGARINE—IMPORTS OF VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS

Mr. Hatfield:

1. Has the international emergency food committee ceased to function in regards to oils and fats entering Canada?

2. What steps have been taken by the government to protect the dairy industry in regards to vegetable oils and fats entering Canada for the manufacturing of margarine?