

Questions

non-pensioned disabilities on a means test basis under the veterans treatment regulations, nor for domiciliary care under those regulations. These veterans also are eligible for treatment under section 23 of the veterans treatment regulations which provides authority for the admission of a veteran to a departmental hospital where he is not eligible for free treatment from the department but is able and willing to pay the full cost of hospitalization. The department also treats, without time limit, recipients of war veterans allowances who gained eligibility through service in Korea.

There is no expiry date relating to war veterans allowances, pensions for disability or death or training under the pensioners training regulations.

IDENTICAL TENDERS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, WINNIPEG

Question No. 2,873—**Mr. Orlikow:**

Has the Minister of Justice received a communication from the city clerk of the city of Winnipeg bringing to his attention the fact that identical tenders for electrical equipment had been received and, if so, is an investigation under the Combines Investigation Act being contemplated?

Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Yes, the Minister of Justice has received such a letter and has referred the matter to the director of investigation and research under the Combines Investigation Act in order that he may consider whether formal inquiry is warranted. I am informed by the director that additional material has since been received from the city clerk of the city of Winnipeg which is also being considered. As the hon. member knows, the directors will take whatever action the statute requires but it is not the practice to give out information as to whether or not an inquiry is contemplated or in progress.

PAYMENTS TO MRS. BASKIN AND MRS. SAUVÉ

Question No. 2,874—**Mr. Cowan:**

What was the total amount of wages, salaries, emoluments, fees, etc. paid by the government of Canada, or any of its agencies, including the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation during 1963 and 1964, to (a) Mrs. Gladys L. Baskin (b) Mrs. Jeanne Sauvé?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): (a) I am informed by the chief treasury officer of the House of Commons that Mrs. Gladys L. Baskin received a total salary of \$814.46 during 1963 and \$4,160.92 during 1964.

(b) I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that because of the com-

[Mr. Teillet.]

petitive business in which it is engaged it has not been customary to require the corporation to disclose the amount of fees paid to individuals it may employ.

CALGARY INDIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Question No. 2,875—**Mr. Gundlock:**

1. Has the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration received a copy of a petition signed by 89 Alberta Indians, asking for an investigation of the Calgary Indian friendship centre and, if so, what was the nature of the petition and what specific points did it wish to have investigated?

2. Has the government provided any financial assistance to this friendship centre?

3. Has the minister requested and received any recent reports on the operation of this centre from the citizenship branch office in Edmonton and, if so, what is the substance of these reports?

4. Does the government intend to investigate the friendship centre through a federal-provincial board being established to handle friendship centre grants and, if so, what instructions have federal members of the board been given regarding the extent of the investigation?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): 1. Yes, the petition states: "We, the undersigned, are asking federal officials who have given grants to the Calgary Indian friendship centre, to carry out an investigation of the whole situation namely: to investigate domination by non-Indians, lack of constructive programming for Indian teenagers, handling of funds, examine constitution, methods of counselling and an inability to cope with alcohol problems.

We, the Indians, feel that because of the large amounts of money granted the Indian centre, the governments should be aware of the centre's operations."

2. Yes, a grant of \$3,000 for non-capital expenditures.

3. Yes, an objective viewpoint of the situation as it exists at the Calgary Indian friendship centre; provincial officials in co-operation with departmental officials will endeavour to facilitate mediation between the interested groups.

4. The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has signed a cost-sharing agreement with the province of Alberta providing for the establishment of a friendship centre advisory committee composed of two representatives from the province, two representatives from the federal government and one from the centre benefiting from the agreement. One of the responsibilities of this committee is to review the operation and performance of the friendship centre and to make the necessary recommendations to the provincial as well as to the federal government. The agreement becomes effective on April 1, 1965.