

the great pioneering instruments by means of which the United Nations is laying the ground rules for civilized life on an ever widening scale". It is, however, a general policy that Canada does not enter into binding international treaty commitments until such time that it clearly is in a position to implement its obligations in terms of its domestic law. The subject matter of this convention is such that it appears to fall not only within those areas of domestic law which are the competence of the federal government, but also, in part, within those for which the provinces are responsible. The government is therefore presently engaged in a detailed study of the legal implications of the convention as a necessary first step to the question of signature and subsequent ratification. In so far as that should prove necessary, the Canadian government will naturally consult with the provinces with a view to obtaining their assurances that they will be prepared to implement any provisions which fall within their jurisdiction.

(2). For the reasons explained in the answer to the first question, a decision has not yet been taken on the ratification of the convention.

REFUND OF PENSION OVERPAYMENTS
BY EMPLOYERS

Question No. 1,306—**Mr. Crouse:**

Has a procedure been put into effect to refund over-payments to the Canada and Quebec pension plans made by employers as workers move from one job to another?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): No.

MOVEMENT TO U.S. OF CANADIAN
PROFESSIONAL WORKERS

Question No. 1,307—**Mr. Orlikow:**

Have any Canadian scientists, research workers, engineers, university professors, and medical doctors left Canada to work in the United States in each of the past three years and, if so, how many?

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): Immigrant aliens admitted to United States, whose country of last permanent residence was Canada:

Occupation	Year ended June 30th		
	1963	1964	1965
Scientists:	209	238	242
Agricultural scientists	9	11	10
Biological scientists	18	23	20

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Geologists and geophysicists	43	35	60
Mathematicians	5	8	7
Physicists	27	29	30
Miscellaneous natural scientists	2	11	4
Chemists	105	121	111
Engineers	871	768	863
Professors and instructors	118	126	133
Physicians and surgeons	467	440	380

Note: There is no separate grouping for "research workers".

Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice.

*EXPORT CONTROLS ON CATTLE HIDES

Question No. 1,318—**Mr. Irvine:**

Is it the intention of the government to establish quota controls on export of Canadian cattle hides, calf and kip skins in an endeavour to protect our export markets and prevent inflation of shoe prices in Canada?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, as I announced in the house on March 23, exports of hides, skins, leather and leather manufactures of foreign origin now require individual export licences. This action was taken in order to control possible diversion of United States products to off-shore destinations and to maintain Canadian access to United States supplies.

Prior to and since this announcement extensive consultation has taken place with Canadian industry concerned including the Shoe Manufacturers' Association, hides and skins dealers and brokers, meat packers, farmers' federations, agricultural associations and Canadian tanners.

The situation is being watched carefully, but present circumstances do not appear to warrant further government action.

NATIONAL BUILDING CODE

Question No. 1,319—**Mr. Reid:**

Does the government have a national building code and, if so (a) what act of parliament provides authority for this code (b) what industries fall under this code (c) what are the penalties for violations of this code (d) how many prosecutions have there been in the past 5 years (e) how many prosecutions have been successful (f) what was the total amount collected in fines for violations (g) is this code accepted by all the provinces and, if not, by how many is it not?