

Report by the Tariff Board, pursuant to the Inquiry ordered by the Minister of Finance respecting Fresh and Processed Fruits and Vegetables: Volume 1, Part I—Summary and Recommendations: Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Reference No. 152 (English and French texts), together with a copy of the transcript of evidence presented at public hearings (English text), pursuant to section 6 of the Tariff Board Act, Chapter T-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Copies of Ordinances passed by the Council of the Yukon Territory at its 1976 Second Session, pursuant to section 20(1) of the Yukon Act, Chapter Y-2, R.S.C., 1970, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1976-1757, dated July 6, 1976.

Copies of Order of the Administrator under the Anti-Inflation Act, pursuant to section 17(3) of the said Act, Chapter 75, Statutes of Canada 1974-75-76, respecting compensation plan between Sklar Furniture Limited and the group of its Whitby employees, represented by Local 50 of the Upholsterers International Union of North America. Order dated April 20, 1977.

Report of the Export Development Corporation, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the year ended December 31, 1976, pursuant to sections 75(3) and 77(3) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970.

Capital Budget of the Farm Credit Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1978, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1977-841, dated March 30, 1977, approving same.

Revised Capital Budget of the Canadian Saltfish Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1977-191, dated February 3, 1977, approving same.

Canada Pension Plan, Statutory Actuarial Report No. 5, dated April 19, 1977, pursuant to section 116(3) of the Canada Pension Plan Act, Chapter C-5, R.S.C., 1970.

Report on operations under Part II of the Export Credits Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977, pursuant to section 27 of the said Act, Chapter 105, R.S.C., 1952.

Copies of Order of the Administrator under the Anti-Inflation Act, pursuant to section 17(3) of the said Act, Chapter 75, Statutes of Canada 1974-75-76, respecting compensation plan between R. Angus Alberta Limited and the group of its Parts & Service Personnel, represented by the Independent Union of Heavy Equipment Trades. Order dated April 22, 1977.

Report of The Canadian Wheat Board for the crop year ended July 31, 1976, including its financial statements certified by the Auditors, pursuant to section 7(2) of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, Chapter C-12, R.S.C., 1970.

CABINET SOLIDARITY

QUESTION

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, I should like to ask the Leader of the Government if he was following the principle of cabinet solidarity when he emphasized earlier that he would like to see more Conservative appointments to the Senate.

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Senator Perrault: Well, supporters of the government have always been firm advocates of parliamentary democracy, and parliamentary democracies work most effectively when there is a vigorous and able opposition. There is nothing inconsistent in my statement and the long prevailing principles of liberalism.

CONFEDERATION

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—QUESTION

Senator Austin: Honourable senators, I should like to ask the government leader a question. In view of the comments by the federal government on the cost-benefit ratio of Quebec's participation in Confederation, and the comments by the Province of Quebec and the Province of Ontario on that subject, I wonder whether the government leader would make available to this chamber the same figures with respect to my province of British Columbia.

What is the net financial contribution of British Columbia to Confederation? In asking that question I am not by any means anxious to leave the implication that British Columbia in any way resents making a net contribution to Canada. It is very much worth it.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I shall certainly direct a request to the Honourable Minister of Finance for that information. At the same time I am sure no member of this chamber believes that the benefits of Confederation can be measured simply in terms of a computer printout.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

IMMIGRATION

PERSONS LIVING IN CANADA UNDER DEPORTATION ORDERS OR CONTRARY TO COURT RULINGS—QUESTION

Senator Ewasew: Honourable senators, on March 24 I asked the Acting Leader of the Government about a report made by a public servant by the name of Boris Domazet. The report had been distributed at that time to a certain number of members of Parliament and had received considerable attention in the press. I requested of the acting leader to make a copy of that report available to the house, and I was told that this would be done. I should now like to ask the Leader of the Government when that report will be produced.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, that report will be produced as quickly as possible; I would hope to have it for tomorrow's sitting.