

### Order Paper Questions

commissioner, have resigned from the Public Service, thus becoming eligible under the terms of the Act?

2. How many persons holding a position of equivalent classification and status to any of the positions mentioned in Part 1, have resigned from the Public Service, thus becoming eligible under the terms of the Act?

3. (a) In each case, what is their name (b) what was the effective date of their retirement (c) what position did they occupy prior to retirement (d) which ones have been re-employed or retained in any way, by the government, Crown corporation or any agency, either directly or indirectly, as consultants or under contract or similar financial arrangement?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** The information requested is not readily available. There are 93,000 recipients under the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act (all public servants are entitled). A master list of names would have to be set up by referring to all departments, agencies and crown corporations. They in turn would have to prepare a list of employees who occupied a position listed in parts 1 and 2, who have retired since the coming into effect of the Act (April 1970). A manual verification of personnel records would have to be initiated some of which have been destroyed after two years. Of the information assembled we would have to program our computer in order to match the master list supplied to us by the departments, agencies and Crown corporations. Once this has been done we must refer back to the departments, agencies and Crown corporations to verify if any of the recipients have been rehired under contract. This would entail a lengthy and costly examination of countless files of departments, agencies and Crown corporations, which cost in manpower and time would be exorbitant and prohibitive.

### FUNDY TIDAL POWER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

#### Question No. 2,418—**Mr. Howie:**

Has the government announced its intention to include an environmental impact study in the second stage of the Fundy Tidal Power Development Study and, if so, is it the intention of the government to provide a formal opportunity for the public to submit presentations to the study and, if so, will this practice be followed in future environmental studies?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment):** The Bay of Fundy Tidal Power Review Board has referred the project to the Environmental Assessment Panel for review. The Panel will submit to the Board guidelines for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement which will be prepared as part of the second stage of the Fundy Tidal Power Study. In connection with the Panel Review, formal public hearings will be held in Maritime communities in order to obtain presentations from all interested parties. All briefs and statements from the hearings will be reviewed and considered by the Panel in the preparation of its report. Public participation is an integral part of Panel operations and is being practised for all projects presently under review under the federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process.

[Mr. Lawrence.]

### WORKING WOMEN

#### Question No. 2,480—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. What percentage of working women are (a) alone and supporting themselves (b) the head of a family?
2. What percentage is the average income for women compared to that of men?
3. What percentage was the average income for women compared to that of men 20 years ago?
4. How many women are in the labour force?
5. What percentage do women make up of the total labour force?

**Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada reports the following: 1. (a) The percentage of working women who are alone and supporting themselves is 20 per cent. This figure includes all females employed, those unemployed but seeking work and, those on temporary layoff. The term "alone and supporting themselves" is assumed to be all females not included in a "census family"\*. These females may or may not be living alone. (b) The percentage of working women who are the head of a family is 5.3 per cent.

2. In 1974, women in the labour force had an average income which was 50.1 per cent of the income of men in the labour force.

3. The percentage of the average income for women compared to that of men in the 1961 Census was 41.3 per cent. The question on income was not included in the 1956 Census.

4. During 1976 the average number of females in the labour force was 3,859,000.

5. On the average, women constituted 37.4 per cent of the labour force in 1976.

\* The definition of a "Census family" is a husband and wife, with or without children or a parent with one or more unmarried children (regardless of age).

### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF FURNITURE

#### Question No. 2,648—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. In the (a) 1975-76 (b) 1976-77 fiscal years, did Canada import furniture and, if so (i) in what amount (ii) from which countries (iii) what was the percentage value by country?

2. For the same years, did Canada export furniture and, if so, what was the (a) total value (b) value by province?

**Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada reports the following: 1. Statistics on imports of furniture in the fiscal years (1975-76 and 1976-77) are shown on the attached table (No. 1) in terms of value and per cent by country.

2. Canadian exports of furniture in the same period are shown on table (No. 2) by each province of lading.