

Questions

he is satisfied not only that they are in accordance with the budget but also that the expenditure is warranted and all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure economy.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Question No. 497—Mr. Rapp:

1. How many farmers in (a) Saskatchewan (b) Alberta (c) Manitoba, have received P.F.A.A. payments for crop failures in whole or in part for the year 1964?

2. How many applications have been (a) turned down, or (b) held up, in each of the constituencies of (i) The Battledowns (ii) Meadow Lake (iii) Prince Albert (iv) Mackenzie?

3. How many appeals in regard to non-payment have been made by aggrieved farmers, and in how many cases have such appeals been allowed?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): 1. (a) 25,637; (b) 12,784; (c) 1,706.

2. (a) (i) None; (ii) one; (iii) none; (iv) none. (b) (i) none; (ii) none; (iii) none; (iv) none.

3. Seventeen farmers have appealed to the board of review because of non-payment. Five appeals have been allowed and seven are being held pending a decision of the Board.

RESIGNATIONS OF CENTENNIAL COMMISSION OFFICIALS

Question No. 504—Mr. Mather:

How many officials of the Canadian Centennial Commission have left the Commission within the past three months?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Two.

MAIL TRANSPORT, HAMILTON TO TORONTO

Question No. 514—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

1. At what times in each day is first class mail transported from Hamilton to Toronto?

2. At what times each day is second class mail transported from Hamilton to Toronto?

3. At what times each day is special delivery mail transported from Hamilton to Toronto?

4. Have there been any changes in this schedule in the last two years and, if so, what were the changes, and why were they made?

Hon. René Tremblay (Postmaster General): 1, 2 and 3. All classes of mail, including special delivery items are transported from Hamilton to Toronto daily at the following times (E.D.T.): 12:50 A.M., 7:00 A.M., 6:45 P.M., 9:10 P.M., 10:50 P.M.

4. Yes, the cancellation of trains and a major reorganization of mail services in the Niagara Peninsula resulted in the evolution of the present schedules and the elimination of daily dispatches from Hamilton to Toronto at the following times (E.D.T.): 12:15 P.M.; 3:15 P.M.; 7:20 P.M.; 8:45 P.M.

[Mr. Sharp.]

COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN EXPO '67

Question No. 518—Mr. Martineau:

1. Is a revised contract being presented for signature to the national representatives of some 30 governments taking part in Expo '67?

2. If so, why is such a revised contract being presented to these representatives?

3. When are the participants in Expo '67 expected to sign binding instruments in regard of such participation?

4. How many countries have been invited to participate in Expo '67 and how many have accepted to date?

[Translation]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1. The original version of the standard participation contract was submitted in April 1965 to a Commission of the International Bureau of Exhibitions. It was then suggested to the Corporation to remove from this version the provisions of a regulatory nature and embody the same into the various sets of special rules and regulations which the General Rules and Regulation of the B.I.E. call for. This suggestion was accepted and this explains why the contract was revised.

2. See answer to question 1.

3. Some countries have already signed the standard contract while many have already scheduled the signing ceremony. The contract was distributed to all governments represented at the Meeting of Commissioners General of Section which took place in Montreal from May the 19th to the 22nd. They have all expressed their wish to sign a contract with the least possible delay after clearing the same with their own government. Even in the absence of a signed binding document, the governments that have announced their participation are presently working on the plans of their pavilion.

4. 139 countries were invited to participate in Expo '67. To date, 51 countries including Canada have accepted and it should be noted that the 10 Canadian provinces, the cities of Paris and Montreal, and the European Common Market, will also participate.

[English]

CATERING SERVICE, MONTREAL AIRPORT

Question No. 535—Mr. Groos:

1. What is the name of the firm which runs the catering service at the main building of the Montreal International Airport?

2. What is the date and duration of the contract?

3. On what basis is the contract awarded?

4. Does the Department of Transport or any other branch of the Canadian Government maintain any inspection services to see that adequate standards of service and quality control are maintained in the catering services provided for the public at airport buildings operated by the Department of Transport?