

QUEBEC—LIQUOR SEIZED BY R.C.M.P.

Question No. 716—**Mr. Godin:**

From June 26, the beginning of the liquor strike in Quebec, to date (a) has the RCMP had to make any investigations within the Province of Quebec (b) how many establishments have been visited (c) what quantities of adulterated liquor have been seized (d) what quantities of alcoholic beverages originating in the United States have been seized (e) how does the RCMP dispose of such beverages (f) what quantities originating in the other provinces of Canada have been seized, and under what conditions has the Province of Quebec taken possession of these supplies (g) how can the province dispose of these supplies?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): (a) Yes; (b) 285; (c) 2,774 imperial gallons; (d) 1,230 imperial gallons; (e) By destroying; (f) Not known—provincial jurisdiction; (g) Not known.

MINT SET PRODUCTION

Question No. 721—**Mr. Coates:**

1. How many mint sets were produced for sale in 1968, how many were purchased and what were the figures for 1965, 1966 and 1967?

2. Of the total number of mint sets produced in 1968, how many were produced in Canada and how many in the United States?

3. What was the total amount of coinage produced for the federal government in the United States and what was the amount of the contract or contracts of United States firms for the production of such coinage?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. Orders have been accepted for 518,000 sets, and 339,068 sets have been produced. Corresponding sets were produced and sold as follows: In 1967, 962,000; in 1966, 673,000; in 1965, 2,904,000.

2. All were produced in Canada.

3. The United States mint has contracted to manufacture 75 million 10-cent Canadian coins, but delivery had not commenced as of November 12, 1968. Cost of the contract is \$149,000 not including cost of metal or transportation.

CIVIL SERVANTS IN FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES

Question No. 723—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many individuals in the federal Civil Service have received courses that would assist them in securing a working knowledge of the French language and of that number, how many are presently enrolled in such courses?

2. Of the number presently enrolled in French language courses (a) how many receive the courses while continuing with their employment (b) how many are receiving the courses while on leave of absence (c) how many on leave of absence have

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been granted leave for more than a period of one month?

3. Of the number enrolled in French language courses while continuing with their employment (a) how many are granted free time to take such courses (b) at the present time and for the present fiscal year, what is the number of man-hours lost to the federal Civil Service?

4. Of the number enrolled in French language courses who have obtained a leave of absence while taking the courses (a) how many are receiving their salary while taking these courses (b) what will be the estimated cost to the federal Treasury in the present fiscal year?

5. Of the number enrolled in French language courses who have obtained a leave of absence from their employment (a) how many have moved from Ottawa for such purposes (b) how many have also moved their families (c) was assistance given to those who moved their families by the federal government and, if so, what will be the total cost to the federal Treasury in the present fiscal year?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): See reply to question No. 244, printed in *Hansard*, No. 29 of October 23, p. 1923.

JOHN C. DOYLE—PAYMENT OF TAXES

Question No. 734—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Has the federal government secured payment from John C. Doyle for outstanding taxes, what was the total amount outstanding and what is the status of the claim at the present time?

2. If payment in full has not been received what action is the federal government taking to protect the public interest?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): The decision rendered on June 6, 1967, by the Tax Appeal Board in respect of assessments against Mr. Doyle for the taxation years 1950, 1953 and 1954 has been appealed to the Exchequer Court of Canada and that appeal has not yet been heard. In connection with those assessments, a writ of extent was issued out of the Exchequer Court on July 8, 1963, for the sum of \$3,410,130.90.

Except as indicated above, the information requested is confidential and cannot be divulged.

SPEEDING UP OF PASSENGER FLOWS AT AIRPORTS

Question No. 735—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Has the government considered the redesigning of such travel documents as the passport, with a view to utilization of computer techniques for the purpose of speeding up passenger flows at points of entry particularly airports?