

Questions

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION—J. K. ABBOTT

Question No. 385—Mr. Howard:

1. Is one J. K. Abbott employed in any capacity within the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and, if so, what are his (a) duties (b) responsibilities (c) qualifications (d) salary and expenses?

2. Upon what date did he assume his present position, and was it as a result of a competition; and, (a) if as a result of a competition, who were the members of the promotional board (b) if it was not as a result of a competition, by what method was he so appointed?

3. What previous positions, with an indication as to duties and responsibilities, has Mr. Abbott held in the public service of Canada, for how long, and at what salary in each case?

4. Does Mr. Abbott have any jurisdiction or involvement with the alleged conspiracy to bring people of Chinese origin to Canada illegally, and, if so, what, in detail, is his involvement, and when did it commence?

5. Has Mr. Abbott ever been reprimanded, cautioned, or otherwise spoken to by any of his superiors for using hidden microphones for the purpose of surreptitiously recording discussions with, or interrogations of (a) other employees within the Department of Citizenship and Immigration or (b) anyone else and, if so, what form did the said reprimand, caution, or discussion take?

Answer by: Mr. McGee:

1. Yes.

(a) and (b)—Mr. Abbott is responsible to the deputy minister for the implementation of an inspectional service for all branches of the department; to supervise and direct employees engaged in inspectional duties and to plan inspectional programs for all branches of the department; to provide the deputy minister with periodic reports on the effectiveness of departmental and branch policies and regulations; to provide detailed reports for the consideration of the deputy minister on improvements made in policies, procedures, proficiency, productivity and similar matters; to make recommendations concerning forms design and control; to report on employees engaged on various duties; to report on staff training requirements and to perform other related duties.

(c) Qualifications—Two and one half years university—political science and economics and has taken several government administration courses. Second world war service 1940-1945; R.C.A.F. pilot. Officer commanding university air training corps units at Acadia and McGill Universities. Personnel counsellor—research in directorate of personnel counselling on occupational analyses. Then in rehabilitation directorate as occupational counsellor. Progressively responsible administrative experience in the public service since 1945.

(d) \$13,800 and normal travelling expenses when on duty away from his headquarters.

[Mr. Hees.]

2. April 1, 1959, by competition.

(a) Board members Laval Fortier, then deputy minister of citizenship and immigration; H. M. Jones, director of Indian affairs branch and W. R. Baskerville, director of the immigration branch.

(b) Not applicable.

3. Civil service commission examiner, civil service commission, October, 1945 to March 1952. Salary—\$4,580. Chief of personnel, Department of Citizenship and Immigration, April, 1952 to March 1959. Salary—\$9,060.

4. Yes; as part of his duties as director of inspection services of the department; since the date of his appointment to his present post in 1959.

5. Since he has never, at any time, made use of hidden microphones or any similar devices for any of the purposes mentioned, the answer is in the negative.

NASS RIVER, B.C.—INDIAN FISHING

Question No. 387—Mr. Howard:

1. Since January 1, 1957, has there been any evidence of flagrant fishing activity by Indians in the Nass river area in running salmon spawning stocks down river to buyers outside the commercial fishing boundary and, if so, what are the details surrounding this evidence?

2. Have any charges been laid as a result thereof and, if so, how many charges against how many people, and upon what dates?

Answer by: Mr. McPhillips:

1. Yes. The problem exists during the period of peak fishing activity, July-September, when fish buying camps are located in the area. It developed in the past decade when high prices created greater incentive for illegal actions and effort to break the law. Fishery officers in their special patrols carried out a good deal of public relations work. The illegal activities have been confined mainly to the younger men and do not meet with approval of the elders and councillors of the villages. Indeed, officers have received assistance from councillors. There is a lessening of effort at illegal practice and there is good reason to believe the public relations work by fishery officers is having the desired effect.

2. Yes.

Year	Offence	Charges	Trial	No. of People
1957				
1958				
1959	Sept. 8	1	Sept. 14	1
	Sept. 19	1	Oct. 9	1
1960	July 25	5	Oct. 1	2
	Aug. 24	3	Oct. 12	1
1961	June 26	1	June 26	1
	Aug. 15	2	Aug. 19	2
1962	Aug. 15	2	Aug. 26	1
	July 4	2	July 6	1