

Questions

Canada provided he could satisfy the requirements of the Department of Manpower and Immigration.

ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION

Question No. 1,833—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Has an investigation been made by the Restrictive Trades Practices Commission or by any other federal agency, into the recent acquisition of the Computer Sciences Corporation of Canada by Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Telecommunications Ltd.?

2. If so, what is the finding and what action, if any, is now being contemplated?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1 and 2. As the hon. member was informed by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on March 10 the matter has been referred to the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act in order that he may consider whether the matter is one coming within the scope of that Act and, if so, whether it affords him reason to believe there may have been a violation of the Act so as to warrant formal inquiry.

The Department of Communications has the responsibility of conducting studies concerning telecommunications matters as they affect the public interest. The question of the relationship between the telecommunications carriers and the computing industry is one of many complex matters within the scope of this responsibility and which, it is expected, in due course, can be the subject of suitable policy determination.

PROSECUTIONS FROM CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

Question No. 1,836—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

1. What prosecutions if any, have resulted from the more than 4,500 complaints that have been written into the Department of Consumer Affairs, Box 99?

2. Have any of the complaints received been referred to the Director of Combines Investigation and, if so, how many?

3. Have there been any recurring complaints and, if so, what steps has the Department taken to publicize them?

4. Are any changes to existing legislation or is any new legislation contemplated as a result of complaints already received?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Two. Cana (House) Ware; Anglo French Carpet Co. Ltd.

2. Yes. All complaints, replies to which may require reference to the Combines Investigation Act or to section 306 of the Criminal Code which Bill C-150 proposes to transfer to the Act as section 33D, are referred to the Director of Investigation and Research. 87 complaints have been so referred.

3. Yes. By means of a publication entitled "Consumer Communiqué", speeches, and media reports.

4. Yes.

COLLECTIONS ON 1,274 DEBTS

Question No. 1,839—**Mr. Hales:**

Of the 1,274 debts due, and claims by her Majesty amounting to \$19,037,920 which were deleted from the accounts by authority of Treasury Board Vote 7c, Appropriation Act No. 1, 1968, how many have since been collected in whole or in part and what is the total amount since collected?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):

Department	Partial Repayment	Full Repayment	Amount
Indian Affairs and Northern Development	1		\$3,197.00
National Revenue (Taxation)		1	2,727.77
" "	2		54.59
			1,557.64
Veterans Affairs	1		534.17
			Total \$8,071.17

[Mr. Forest.]