

## Questions

## NATIONAL DEFENCE DISMISSALS BECAUSE OF AGE

**Question No. 640—Mr. Churchill:**

Are civilian employees of the Department of National Defence dismissed from employment on the grounds of age before reaching 65 years?

**Mr. Cardin:** The normal retiring age for civilian employees of the Department of National Defence is 65. There is provision in the Public Service Superannuation Act and regulations whereby a deputy head, with the concurrence of the civil service commission, may at any time, for reason only of age, terminate the employment of a contributor who has attained 60 years of age. It is the policy of the Department of National Defence to retire persons between age 60 and 65 years, by reason of age, only in unusual cases where continued employment involves a serious problem.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA

**Question No. 643—Mr. Mather:**

1. Are plans for the construction, on the Lebreton flats property in Ottawa, of a national defence department headquarters being prepared by private development interests and, if so, are these plans being prepared on instructions of the government?

2. Have other competent developers been asked to submit proposals for the use of this property as a national defence headquarters and, if not, for what reason?

**Mr. Cardin:** 1. and 2. No.

## FREE TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND BRITISH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

**Question No. 644—Mr. Matheson:**

1. Has the government considered the advisability of joint studies with British Caribbean governments respecting the mutual advantages to be gained by the establishment of a free trade area between Canada and the British Caribbean?

2. Does the government plan to initiate discussions on this matter with the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago during his visit to Canada?

**Answer:** 1. There has been no recent initiative for a joint study of a possible free trade area between Canada and the British Caribbean. This question, as the hon. member will be aware, has come up from time to time and we, of course, are constantly reviewing various ways of expanding the present close relations between Canada and the West Indies. With the dissolution of the federation an added complexity arises, since we continue to need to deal individually with members of the British Caribbean, some of whom have recently reached full independence.

2. The visit to Ottawa of Dr. Eric Williams, the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, has been arranged for a general review of the relations between our two countries and our mutual concern in world trading developments. Dr. Williams comes here after an extensive tour of the African continent and we will be interested to gain his impression of

these areas. It is certainly my intention to meet with the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, if this is possible, and to have a general discussion on trade.

## POST OFFICE SITES, NOVA SCOTIA

**Question No. 646—Mr. Coates:**

1. What are the names of the individuals contacted at Advocate Harbour, Collingwood, Southampton, and Wallace, by officials of the Department of Public Works, or their agents, regarding the securing of sites for proposed post offices for these areas?

2. What were the offers made to the individuals in question for the proposed sites?

**Mr. Deschatelets:** 1. Advocate Harbour, no site was investigated. Collingwood, a site owned by Mr. E. Colburne and another site owned by Mrs. Hodgson were investigated. Neither site was suitable for our purposes. Southampton, Mr. Arnold Goodwin was contacted. No suitable site was found. Wallace, a suitable site owned by Mr. William C. Reid was investigated at this location.

2. Wallace, the department accepted Mr. William C. Reid's offer to sell for \$1,000 and this is now in the process of acquisition.

## M.M.R.A. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES, CUMBERLAND, N.S.

**Question No. 649—Mr. Coates:**

How many motor vehicles were purchased by the M.M.R.A. in Cumberland from April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964 and (a) from what firm, or firms, were these vehicles purchased (b) what was the amount of the lowest bid (c) was it submitted by the successful tenderer and (d) what other firms were invited to tender in each instance?

**Answer:** Four.

- (a) 1. D. A. Casey Ltd., Amherst, N.S.;
2. Cameron & Wilson Ltd., Amherst, N.S.;
3. Cameron & Wilson Ltd., Amherst, N.S.;
4. Rivers & Dickinson Ltd., Amherst, N.S.

(b) 1. \$1,998.70; 2. \$2,250; 3. \$2,250; 4. \$1,997.

(c) Yes.

(d) 1. Cameron & Wilson Ltd., Amherst, N.S.; Tantramar Motors Ltd., Amherst, N.S.; Cumberland Equipment Co., Amherst, N.S.; Rivers & Dickinson Ltd., Amherst, N.S.; Claude W. Carter Ltd., Springfield, N.S.

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4. Cumberland Equipment Co., Amherst, N.S.; G.M. Harrison Ltd., Amherst, N.S.

## \*FARM LOANS IN QUEBEC COUNTIES

**Question No. 650—Mr. Pigeon:**

For the fiscal years 1962 to 1964 inclusive, what was the total number of loans made by the Farm