

## Starred Questions

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):**

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. Not applicable.

DIRECTIVE RESPECTING RETIREMENT BEFORE 65

**Question No. 234—Mr. Tardif:**

1. Has any directive been issued in any government department encouraging civil servants to tender their resignations before the normal retirement age of 65 years?

2. If so, what is the purpose of this directive, and under whose authority, and in what department has it been circulated?

**Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, this question requires us to get in touch with all government departments. The majority of the replies have been received, but there are still a few departments to be heard from. I would therefore ask that this question be allowed to stand.

Question stands.

RESERVE TRADESMEN TRAINING PLAN, R.C.A.F.

**Question No. 235—Mr. Meunier:**

1. Did the Royal Canadian Air Force advertise among high school students to join the reserve tradesmen training plan?

2. If so, how many applicants have been successful, and what is the purpose of this particular tradesmen training plan?

**Mr. Egan Chambers (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence):** The answers are as follows:

1. A limited amount of advertising was carried out on behalf of R.C.A.F. auxiliary squadrons sponsoring the reserve tradesmen training plan at high schools located in the vicinity of these units.

2. Nine thousand and eleven have successfully completed training since its inception in 1953. The purpose of this plan is to provide qualified tradesmen for R.C.A.F. auxiliary units.

RECRUITMENT OF CENSUS WORKERS

**Question No. 236—Mr. Godin:**

1. Are workers being recruited at present for the taking of the census?

2. If so, what method of recruitment is used, and are local offices of the unemployment insurance commission asked to provide personnel for census taking?

**Mr. E. L. Morris (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, many thousands of Canadians will be employed in the important national undertaking of the 1961 census of Canada this year. Several hundred are being recruited by the civil service commission of Canada to augment regional office staffs of the dominion bureau of statistics across Canada and the

head office at Ottawa, and in this phase of the work the commission is following its customary relationship with the national employment service. In addition, some 1,300 commissioners and 27,000 enumerators will be required. The time allowed for replies to starred questions is not such as to permit a detailed description of this procedure, but the house will be interested to hear that this is one of those not too common occurrences in which the present administration is following the same procedure as that followed in the 1951 census of Canada.

**Mr. McIlraith:** That is not right.

**Mr. Morris:** The hon. gentleman in whose name this question stands may be strengthened, therefore, in the knowledge that he can secure all the details from his colleague, the present member for Ottawa West, who was then parliamentary assistant.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise to make a personal explanation which perhaps involves a question of privilege. In answer to starred question No. 236 of today's proceedings the parliamentary secretary, in giving the answer, made a certain statement of fact and then went on to make gratuitous references alleging that the facts he had given would indicate that the same procedure was followed in taking the 1951 census. He then proceeded to indicate that I—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. McIlraith:** —was familiar with that procedure and perhaps responsible for it. The explanation I wish to make is that the procedure to be used in the 1961 census taking is basically and fundamentally different from that used in 1951.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member is not making an explanation regarding something that relates to himself personally. In so far as reference was made to obtaining information from the hon. member for Ottawa West regarding the procedure used by him, the answer went beyond what might have been expected as a factual answer, but there does not seem to me to have been any reflection on the conduct of any member which would require an explanation or a member to rise on a matter of privilege. The course the hon. member is now following is to contradict the answer.

**Mr. McIlraith:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not wish to stop the hon. member from making an explanation if he