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***REFUND OF ESTATE TAX, ALBERTA**

Question No. 1,315—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Have there been any discussions or correspondence between the government of Canada and the government of Alberta or representatives of either, regarding the proposal of the latter government to rebate to estates in that province seventy-five per centum of the estate tax collected from estates of decedents resident in that province?

2. If so, what has been the nature of such discussions or correspondence and what was the result thereof?

Mr. Jean Chrétien (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the first part, yes. In answer to the second part, by letter Hon. A. O. Aalborg, provincial treasurer of the province of Alberta, informed the Minister of Finance of the resolution concerning the estate tax adopted by the legislature of Alberta on April 15, 1966. The Alberta legislature resolved that legislation be submitted to the next session of the legislature providing for the rebate of estate tax remitted to the province by the government of Canada in all cases where the deceased was a bona fide resident of Alberta and, that the government of Alberta enter into negotiations with the government of Canada with a view to securing the removal of estate tax in its entirety in so far as it applied to residents of Alberta.

Mr. Aalborg indicated that Alberta would be requesting later this year a meeting with the Minister of Finance to discuss the proposal that the government of Canada remove the estate tax in its entirety in Alberta commencing in 1967.

***INCREASE IN SUCCESSION DUTIES EXEMPTION, ONTARIO**

Question No. 1,316—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Have there been any discussions or correspondence between the government of Canada and the government of Ontario, or representatives of either, regarding the increases in exemption from succession duties granted in Ontario?

2. If so, what has been the nature of such discussions or correspondence and what was the result thereof?

3. Will the government of Canada consider now increasing exemptions under the Estate Tax Act to achieve exemptions at least as favourable to taxpayers as those now granted under the Ontario succession duty act?

Questions

Mr. Jean Chrétien (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is, no. The answer to the second part is not applicable. The answer to the third part is, this is a matter of government policy. If any changes are to be proposed in the Estate Tax Act they will be announced at the appropriate time.

FEDERAL BUILDING, PARRSBORO, N.S.

Question No. 1,328—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Is it the intention of the government to construct a new federal building or post office at Parrsboro, N.S.?

2. Have investigations been carried out in the Parrsboro area with regard to the purchase of a site for a new federal building or post office and, if so (a) has any land been acquired by the government and (b) from whom and at what price?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes a federal building.

2. Preliminary site investigations have been carried out with regard to the purchase of a site. (a) no, (b) not applicable.

NATIONAL MUSEUM SPACE

Question No. 1,365—**Mr. Reid:**

Are all the functions of the National Museum consolidated in one building and, if not (a) for what reason (b) what are the other addresses (c) what functions or departments of the National Museum are housed there (d) what is the cost to the government for this space?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the directors of National Museum as follows:

The answers to Question 1,365 are that the functions of the National Museum are not consolidated in one building, because

(a) the Victoria Memorial Museum has long been too small; and

(b) the other addresses are: (i) The Canadian War Museum, in a one storey building used for exhibits on Sussex street; (ii) The National Aviation Museum in space rented for exhibits from D.O.T. at Uplands airport, under an agreement between the Minister for Northern Affairs and National Resources and the Minister of Transport, dated July 1, 1960, for a rent of \$60,000 per annum paid out of the museum estimates; (iii) Hangars 66, 67 and 68 at Rockcliffe used for exhibition of aircraft from the national collection of historic aircraft, for workshops for the repair of aircraft and the storage of aircraft not currently on display; (iv) 7 Murray street,