

Order Paper Questions

6. Who bore the costs of (a) the items (b) the shipping (c) the disposal and in what amounts in each case?

7. Was any consideration given to turning the items over to (a) the needy (b) welfare services (c) Salvation Army (d) underprivileged countries and (i) if not, for what reason (ii) if so, for what reason were the items not so distributed?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Yes the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs did seize a shipment of pants which were manufactured for Seagoing Uniform Company of New York in Mexico. They were not enroute. They were being sold by a subsidiary of Fred Asher Ltd. in Vancouver, British Columbia. The subsidiary was called Bootlegger and they were operating a warehouse-type outlet.

2. The reason for the seizure was improper labelling. They either had a non-permanent disclosure label or an incomplete disclosure label. There was no address or identification of the manufacturer or importer. This is in violation of the Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations, Sections 5 and 15 (b).

3. (a) A total of 2,120 pairs of navy cotton jeans were seized. (b) This was not the entire shipment. There were also a further 5,867 pairs which were destroyed along with the ones that were seized in order to recover the import duty that had been paid. It is believed that the original shipment was of approximately 10,000 pairs of jeans and that some 2,000 jeans were sold in the warehouse operation by Bootlegger stores before Consumer and Corporate Affairs enforcement action was taken.

4. (a) The pants were disposed of after the Fred Asher organization, through their customs brokers, requested a refund of the customs and excise duty. The authority to dispose of the goods was given by the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise. (b) The jeans were buried in the ground. (c) At Delta City Dump. (d) Presumably by municipal employees under customs supervision.

5. The total number of pants actually destroyed was 7,987 at a declared value of \$5 each, totally \$39,935.00 U.S.

6. (a) The items were shipped on consignment to the Fred Asher organization and not actually paid for. They were still owned by Seagoing Uniform Company of New York. (b) Fred Asher Ltd. paid the cost of the shipping not knowing what the shipment consisted of because they were not on order. Fred Asher Ltd. does quite a large amount of business with Seagoing Uniform Company, and had no reason to query the shipment until it was received. (c) The cost of the disposal was borne by Fred Asher Ltd. and this company is now in the process of reclaiming these shipping and disposal costs from Seagoing Uniform Company. At this time it is impossible to state the costs of disposal and how these were apportioned.

7. (i) (a), (b), (c), (d). Yes. Officers of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs did suggest to Seagoing Uniform Company that the items be released to charity. (ii) The owners, the Seagoing Uniform Company, refused to release the items for such disposal, and insisted on their destruction. However, other pants (2,980 pairs) which were seized on the same date but which were part of another shipment and which were owned by the Fred Asher organization, were donated by Fred Asher Ltd. to

[Mr. Schumacher.]

the X-Kalay Foundation Society in Vancouver, a society for ex-convicts and families.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

Question No. 1,833—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Are Members of Parliament entitled to obtain copies of immigration regulations and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, they are published in the *Canada Gazette*.

NANISIVIK MINES

Question No. 1,850—**Mr. Towers:**

1. Did the government provide funds for Nanisivik Mines on Baffin Island and, if so (a) how much money was involved (b) was this a grant or a loan (c) if a loan, what was (i) the rate of interest stipulated and what security was furnished (ii) the term of the loan?

2. Is Nanisivik Mines still indebted to the government and, if so (a) what amount has been paid (b) what is the balance owing?

3. Who are the (a) owners (b) directors of the mine?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. The government is not providing funds for the development of the mine itself. However, funds will be provided for infrastructure facilities such as roads, airport and wharf and the townsite. (a) An estimated \$18,335 million, of which \$10,620 million will be recovered in the form of (i) user charges (wharf); (ii) ratepayers (townsite); and (iii) townsite development and housing loans (CMHC). The difference—\$7,715 million is non-recoverable outlays will cover roads and the airport to serve Strathcona Sound as well as Arctic Bay, a nursing station and school at Strathcona Sound. In return for funds expended in infrastructure facilities the government of Canada will receive an 18 per cent equity interest in Nanisivik Mines Limited. (b) With the exception of CMHC townsite development and housing loans (estimated at \$6,131 million and not yet approved) the government funding is neither a loan nor a grant. (c) (i) the rate of interest for CMHC loans will be the rates applicable at the time the application is approved and the security that will be furnished will be that of the real estate. (ii) Details on the terms of the CMHC loans have not yet been worked out.

2. No funds have yet been expended or provided to Nanisivik Mines Limited by the Government.

3. (a) The owners are Mineral Resources International Limited of Calgary, a public company, with 59.5 per cent, and Metallgesellschaft A.G. of Germany and Billiton B.V. of Holland, each with 11.25 per cent, and the Federal Government with 18 per cent. (b) The board of directors will be made up as follows: Representing, Mineral Resources International Ltd., 7; Government of Canada, 2; Metallgesellschaft A.G., 1; Billiton B.V., 1. The nominees for government directors are Mr. A. B. Yates, Director, Northern Policy and Program Planning Branch and Mr. Percy Pikoyak, Arctic Bay, N.W.T.