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3. If the program had been a sponsored program, what would the sponsor have been charged?

4. What was the cost of production of "The Sloane Affair" and what was the proportion paid by (a) the National Film Board (b) the Department of National Revenue (c) any other participant?

5. Were any payments made by CBC to the Department of National Revenue, the National Film Board or anyone else for this film and, if so, how much and to whom?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the National Film Board as follows: 1. The program was scheduled for a second presentation for several reasons: It was considered a quality drama, Canadian in content; a second showing at no charge was allowed under the CBC contract with the National Film Board; it is normal practice to repeat programs in such circumstances particularly during the summer when the schedule is better able to accommodate them.

2. No.

3. Discussions with potential sponsors did not reach a point where a program price in this instance was actually established. In the case of TV specials, as opposed to continuing series, the program price normally ranges from \$20,000 to \$50,000 or more, depending on a program's attractiveness to a sponsor at a given time.

4. The total cost of the production "The Sloane Affair" was \$164,903. (a) The proportion paid by the NFB, \$32,265. (b) The proportion paid by the Department of National Revenue, \$132,638. (c) Not applicable.

5. CBC payment was made to the National Film Board only. It has not been customary to require the CBC to disclose financial details of its contractual arrangements; however, the contract allowed for a second showing at no additional cost.

GOVERNMENT POLICY IN REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Question No. 2,356—**Mr. Gillies:**

What is the policy of the government in regard to public servants (a) belonging to any political party (b) holding executive positions in any political party (c) belonging to the Committee for an Independent Canada (d) holding executive positions in the Committee for an Independent Canada?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): (a) The policy of the government with respect to public servants and political activity is as defined in Section 32 of the Public Service Employment Act. While the Act is silent regarding membership in political parties, there is no outright prohibition to public servants being members of a political party. (b) The Public Service Employment Act specifically prohibits public servants from engaging "in work for, on behalf of or against a political party" (s.32(1)(a)). (c) The Committee for an Independent Canada was advised by the Treasury Board in 1971 that there was nothing to prevent an employee of the Public Service from becoming a member of that organization, nor from supporting it financially. (d) Public servants are free to participate in activities outside of normal hours of work provided there is no conflict of interest and the employee's usefulness is not impaired by such activities. The Committee was advised in 1971 that should this organization

[Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain).]

become involved in campaigns designed to influence the government's policies, a conflict of interest situation would occur, affecting any public servants so involved.

DREE—GRANT TO UNION OIL COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED

Question No. 2,412—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

Was a grant or loan made by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to the Union Oil Company of Canada Limited to finance the drilling of a 6,000 foot exploratory well on the southwest tip of Newfoundland and, if so, how much money was involved in the grant or loan?

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: No grant or loan was made by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to the Union Oil Company of Canada Limited.

CANADA PENSION PLAN

Question No. 2,448—**Mr. Neil (Moose Jaw):**

1. In Saskatchewan, as of (a) December 31, 1971 (b) December 31, 1972, what was the total number of (i) persons in receipt of retirement pensions under the Canada Pension Plan (ii) widows in receipt of widows pensions under the Canada Pension Plan?

2. What was the average monthly amount of the widow's pension in each of the years 1971 and 1972?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. (a) (i) 12,069; (ii) 2,732; (b) (i) 14,886; (ii) 3,724.

2. 1971 \$59.25; 1972, \$59.80.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS OTHER THAN UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT

Question No. 217—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. In the period September 30, 1970 to December 31, 1972, how many women were appointed to a position or otherwise employed, other than under the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of the Public Service Employment Act, by the government under conditions or remuneration equitable to a salary of \$10,000 or more per year and (a) what are their names (b) by whom were they employed (c) what was the rank of their positions?

2. How many men were appointed or otherwise employed under the same conditions during the same period of time?

Return tabled.

PURCHASE OF TROPICAL PLANTS FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Question No. 1,460—**Mr. Haliburton:**

1. Between January 1, 1966 and January 1, 1973, how many tropical plants were purchased to decorate government buildings and offices in Ottawa?

2. In each year, how many such plants were purchased?