

Questions

done. However, if in the course of the audit it is noted that a department has failed to take appropriate collection action, the Auditor General or one of his officers would bring this to the attention of the department, and request an explanation. In the light of the explanation given, the Auditor General would then decide whether this reporting responsibilities under section 70 of the Financial Administration Act required him to include reference to the matter in his next annual report to parliament.

CLOSING OF FILM BOARD OFFICE,
NEW GLASGOW, N.S.

Question No. 1,509—**Mr. MacEwan:**

Has the government received a resolution from the New Glasgow area film council, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, asking that the national film board office at New Glasgow remain open, and not be closed in November and, if so, what action does the government intend to take in regard to this important matter?

Mr. Pickersgill: I am advised that the national film board has received such a resolution.

As already stated in reply to question No. 1,333, it is not the intention of the national film board to close its office at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

TAX EXEMPTION, CANADIAN ECONOMIC
FOUNDATION

Question No. 1,513—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Was the Canadian economic foundation given the right to receive contributions which are deductible for tax purposes and, if so, on what date was the right granted?

2. What reasons were advanced by this organization to the minister in its request that it be granted such a right?

3. What were the government's reasons for granting such tax exemption status to the Canadian economic foundation?

4. What are the principal aims of the Canadian economic foundation and do they include participation in political activities?

5. Is the government reconsidering the tax exempt status of the Canadian economic foundation?

Mr. Garland: 1. The foundation was advised on January 30, 1963, that contributions would be deductible for tax purposes, subject to review from time to time.

2. The Canadian economic foundation was incorporated without share capital under the Dominion Companies Act by letters patent on March 8, 1962, the purpose of which is stated to be to conduct research and to inform the people of Canada generally in a better understanding of the proper relationship between government, business, industry and labour in Canada operating under a free competitive enterprise system.

[Mr. Benson.]

3. The application submitted by the foundation stated the work of the foundation was entirely educational, which is a charitable purpose in law.

4. To educate the public on how our economy works. The material submitted does not indicate participation in political activities.

5. Yes.

*MONTREAL OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

Question No. 1,515—**Mr. Pigeon:**

1. What was the cost of providing for the office of the Minister of Public Works in Montreal?

2. What are the names, titles, functions, and working conditions of the personnel attached to the minister's office in Montreal?

3. Are these persons appointed by (a) the minister (b) the civil service commission?

[Translation]

Mr. Badanai: 1. \$1,538.00.

2. Mr. Joseph A. E. Cournoyer-Morin, assistant private secretary, does the usual work associated with such a position, that is correspondence, interviews, etc. Mr. Pierre Dequoy, clerk grade 3, helps Mr. Cournoyer-Morin and supervises the office work. Miss Lucille Saint-Jacques, clerk grade 3, a receptionist, does some typing and office work. Miss J. Robitaille, part time stenographer, does secretarial work. All of them have the same working conditions as other civil servants.

3. By order-in-council.

[Text]

CLINTON, ONT., POST OFFICE

Question No. 1,534—**Mr. Cardiff:**

Has the contract been let for the new post office at Clinton, Ontario, and, if so, (a) what is the contract price (b) what progress has been made, if any?

Mr. Badanai: No. (a) and (b) not applicable.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AGREEMENTS
WITH AMERICAN STATES

Question No. 1,535—**Mr. Dionne:**

1. Are negotiations continuing with the four American states which have not yet signed agreements with respect to unemployment insurance?

2. Are any delays being experienced in such negotiations and, if so, what are the reasons for such delays?

Mr. MacEachen: 1. With Maine only. Efforts have been concentrated with Maine, because the largest number of Canadian woodsmen are employed in that state. New Hampshire requires an amendment to its legislation before it can enter into any agreement with Canada.

The movement of workers from Canada to Iowa and Alabama, and vice versa, is so small that reciprocal agreements with these two states would be of little practical value.

2. No.