

Questions

3. Sealskin Ookpiks are produced by the Fort Chimo co-operative association. The department provides warehouse space for use of the Fort Chimo co-operative association and for other Eskimo co-operatives. Details of the Fort Chimo co-operative association's monthly inventories have not been released by the co-operative; however, at the March 3 press conference the agent of the Fort Chimo co-operative association announced that the wholesale value of sealskin Ookpiks produced to date by Fort Chimo was approximately \$30,000.

4. The major promotion of Ookpik resulted from its use by the Department of Trade and Commerce as a symbol for the trade fair at Philadelphia in November 1963, and the spontaneous publicity which followed. Direct expenditures by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources on promotion amount to approximately \$1,200. The department provided \$2,585 in financial assistance to the co-operative for management and legal expenses during the initial development period.

5. (a) The department has obtained trade mark and copyright protection on Ookpik. (b) The rights for negotiating commercial use of Ookpik have been assigned to the Fort Chimo co-operative association. The co-operative's solicitors have written letters to unauthorized users requesting them to desist from infringement, but no actions have been commenced to date.

6. The department has received no funds from the sale of Ookpik. All revenues from sale of sealskin Ookpiks and from licence agreements are paid to the Fort Chimo co-operative association.

At the recent press conference the agent of the co-operative announced that gross revenue from licence agreements amounted to approximately \$35,000.

DOWNGRADING OF POST OFFICE, STRATFORD, ONT.

Question No. 2,932—Mr. Monteith:

Has the post office at Stratford, Ontario been downgraded from grade 12 to grade 11 and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. René Tremblay (Postmaster General): Yes, effective 1 February 1965. Prior to 1 April 1964, postal revenue was considered the most important factor in determining the grade of a staff post office. It was on this basis of revenue that the Stratford post office was raised to a grade 12 staff post office in 1959. However, as a result of close comparative studies, the department reached the conclusion that this system resulted in numerous inequitable gradings, due largely to the fact that revenue is not a completely reliable indication of the responsibilities of, and the work actually performed at a post office.

A new system of grading was therefore developed based primarily on staffing requirements of the office. This approach is considered more appropriate as it provides a better guide line in establishing the work load and the degree of administrative responsibility for provision of postal service to the public and for the various mail processing operations.

Under this revised system the Stratford post office has not been able to meet the minimum requirements for a grade 12 staff post office and has been below the minimum for several years. Therefore, this office has been reclassified as a grade 11 staff post office.

The change in the classification of the office does not in any way affect the postal service at Stratford. The only result is a change in the classification of the positions of the postmaster and the assistant postmaster when these positions are vacated by the present incumbents. The position of postmaster has in fact become vacant through promotion and consequently has been advertised as postmaster 11 to reflect the change in the grade of the office. The change in the classification of the assistant postmaster will similarly become effective but only when it is vacated by the officer presently occupying the position.

IMPORTS OF FISHING TACKLE

Question No. 2,934—Mr. Webb:

1. From what countries does Canada import fishing tackle, lures, etc.?

2. By country, what is the Canadian value of these imports?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1 and 2.