

EGG IMPORTS

Question No. 205—**Mr. Nesbitt:**

1. How many dozen eggs have been imported into Canada from the United States from January 1, 1965, until April 21, 1965, and of what grades were these eggs?
2. Have these eggs been consumed in Canada?
3. What prices were paid for these eggs by Canadian importers on a grade basis?
4. What is the selling price of these same grades of eggs in the United States?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): 1 and 3. There are as yet no statistics on imports of eggs during any month of 1965. When available these statistics will show the number of dozen eggs imported and their value, but will not show their grade.

2 and 4. Information requested is not available.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Question No. 214—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. What are the regulations to be followed in order to obtain a passport, in each category of passports?
2. What reasons justify refusal of a passport?
3. Does the Canadian Government have any control over Canadians visiting Communist countries?
4. How many Canadians visited Cuba in 1963 and 1964?

[Translation]

Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The Canadian government issues passports to Canadian citizens so they may possess evidence of their identity and national status when entering another country. Eligibility for a Canadian passport depends on whether or not the applicant is a Canadian citizen, either natural-born or naturalized, as defined by the Canadian Citizenship Act. There is no statute governing the issuance of passports.

Three types of passports are issued—ordinary, special and diplomatic. Any Canadian citizen may normally receive an ordinary passport. However, in certain instances, depending on the nature of their governmental or parliamentary duties and purposes of travel abroad, some Canadians are entitled to receive either a special or a diplomatic passport.

2. Authority to issue or refuse passports is derived from the royal prerogative, which is exercised in this field by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on behalf of the Canadian government. The Secretary of State for External Affairs therefore has discretionary authority to grant or refuse a passport. It is unusual in peacetime for the Secretary

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of State for External Affairs to refuse to issue a passport to a Canadian citizen. There is, however, one category of cases in which passports are temporarily withheld; when the Department of External Affairs lends public funds to repatriate a distressed Canadian to Canada, his passport is impounded until he has repaid his debt to the government. Apart from cases of this kind, it is rare in peacetime to refuse to issue a passport to a Canadian citizen.

3. No. There is no exit control of persons leaving Canada. No geographical limitation is placed in passports; they are made valid for travel to "All Countries". Applicants are not required to divulge travel plans. Although a printed leaflet is inserted in all passports advising Canadians who are planning to visit certain communist countries to notify the Department of External Affairs of their travel plans, this is not a legal requirement, and it is not a form of control of foreign travel.

4. Registration of visitors at Canadian diplomatic or consular offices abroad is invited on a voluntary basis in most countries. In 1963 and 1964 respectively, 80 and 155 visiting Canadians completed registration cards at the Canadian embassy in Havana. Because this registration is not a legal requirement, these statistics are not to be considered a complete record of Canadian visitors to Cuba in the years mentioned.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS TO CANADIANS WORKING IN U.S.

Question No. 216—**Mr. Dionne:**

To date, what has been the result of the representations the Government of Canada has made in connection with an agreement with the United States authorities regarding the eligibility to unemployment insurance benefits of Canadians working in the United States and particularly in the States of Maine and New Hampshire?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): The Employment Security Commission of Maine indicated on October 30, 1963 that it was not prepared to enter into reciprocal arrangements with the Unemployment Insurance Commission of Canada and the same position has been taken by New Hampshire. There has been no change in the situation since then.

INCOME TAX PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS UNCLAIMED

Question No. 218—**Mr. Dionne:**

What were the amounts of income tax deducted on payrolls under the Income Tax Act, which