

Questions

were sold first and those which had been vacant for prolonged periods, or those which required extensive repairs were held from sale until the later years.

The average selling price of the houses sold each year is as follows: 1963, \$10,125; 1964, \$10,125; 1965, \$11,000; 1966, \$10,590; 1967, \$10,840; 1968, \$11,470.

KENT, ONTARIO, POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Question No. 1,641—**Mr. McCutcheon:**

Under the government's reorganization plan involving the closing of small post offices, what post offices are scheduled for closing in the County of Kent, Ontario, and on what dates?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): In so far as the Post Office is concerned: The following Post Offices are being studied for possible closing: Bear Line, Becher, Croton, Dover Centre, Duart, Kent Bridge, Mitchells Bay, Muirkirk, Mull, Northwood, Walpole Island, Wilkesport.

No decision has been made on any case as yet.

Records are not maintained in such a way as to be readily available by County, therefore, the above list is for the constituency of Lambton-Kent rather than the County of Kent.

MRS. SICOTTE—INDEBTEDNESS FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES

Question No. 1,643—**Mr. Lewis:**

1. (a) Does Mrs. Gilles Sicotte or Stoa Galleries Limited, of which she was President, owe the Department of National Revenue a sum of money for customs duties or other charges (b) if so, how much does the said Mrs. Sicotte or Stoa Galleries Limited owe and since what date (c) what steps have been taken to collect such debt?

2. (a) Is the government aware of any outstanding criminal charge or charges against Mrs. Gilles Sicotte laid in Switzerland (b) if so, what was the nature of such charge or charges (c) were extradition proceedings commenced arising out of such charge or charges and, if so, what was the disposition of such proceedings?

3. (a) Is there any information available about charges laid against Mrs. Gilles Sicotte in Middleburg, N.Y. (b) if so, what were the nature and disposition of such charges?

4. (a) Was Mrs. Gilles Sicotte threatened with deportation from Mexico in 1954 and did she leave that country under such threat (b) was Mrs. Gilles Sicotte deported from Mexico in 1956 and, if so, what were the grounds for such deportation (c) did Mrs. Gilles Sicotte return to Mexico between 1954 and 1956 and were any representations made to the Mexican authorities by any officer in the External Affairs Department or any other department of the Canadian government with respect to

her return to that country (d) if such representations were made, who was the officer who made them (e) was any inquiry or investigation made into Mrs. Gilles Sicotte's activities in, and the reasons for her deportation from Mexico and, particularly, were inquiries made of Mr. Arcadio Ojeda, Chief of Mexican Immigration at the time?

5. What steps has Air Canada taken to enforce the court order obtained on or about May 13, 1968 against Mrs. Gilles Sicotte with respect to a debt of some three thousand dollars owed by her to Air Canada?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): 1. (a) and (b) An aggregate net amount of \$711.86 is owed to the Department of National Revenue by Stoa Galleries Limited for customs duties and excise taxes; (c) Normal collection procedure was followed up to the time Stoa Galleries Limited was declared bankrupt on November 28, 1966. Proof of claim was filed on January 12, 1967 with the Trustee in Bankruptcy. No funds were available to reimburse the Department of National Revenue.

2. (a) and (b) Available information indicates that Mrs. Sicotte was charged in Switzerland in late 1966 or early 1967 with alleged fraud involving the issuance of a cheque for the purchase of certain antique articles; (c) The Swiss authorities have not instituted extradition proceedings, but information received in late 1968 indicates that Mrs. Sicotte is still the subject of an inquiry for fraud committed in Geneva and that the case remains open.

3. The government has no information about charges laid against Mrs. Gilles Sicotte in Middleburg, N.Y. Available information indicates that Mrs. Gilles Sicotte was indicted by the June 1967 Term of Grand Jury of Herkimer County, N.Y. "for the issuance of a fraudulent cheque and grand larceny in the second degree". Full restitution was made on behalf of the defendant to an antique shop in Middleville, New York. The indictment was dismissed.

4. (a) Mrs. Sicotte was asked by the Mexican authorities on or about May 17, 1954 to leave Mexico because she was in the country illegally. She agreed to leave. No deportation order was issued against her. According to oral information subsequently received by the Canadian Embassy in Mexico, the basis for declaring her to be in the country illegally was that she had violated immigration rules by working as a nurse; (b) Mrs. Sicotte was asked by the Mexican authorities in 1956 to leave Mexico. She agreed