

APPENDIX "B"

(See p. 1067.)

CENTENARY OF CONFEDERATION
CONDUCT OF NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

Answer to Inquiry by Hon. Keith Davey: Answered by the Hon. Judy LaMarsh, Secretary of State of Canada in so far as the Centennial Commission is concerned:

What steps will the Government and or the Centennial Commission take to prevent non-essential business establishments from doing business on July 1st, 1967, the Centenary of Confederation?

Answer in so far as the Privy Council Office is concerned:

The Government is not planning to take steps to prevent non-essential business establishments from doing business on July 1, 1967, the Centenary of Confederation, as the observance of this and other similar holidays is a matter which is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces. However, the Government earnestly hopes that the full significance of this important occasion will be recognized and observed accordingly.

July 1st being a statutory holiday, the Centennial Commission is developing a program of special events for that day in the national capital and is encouraging provincial and local Centennial Committees to do likewise to prepare to mark the 100th Anniversary of Confederation in a fitting manner by special celebrations of interest to the largest public. The Centennial Commission does not, however, consider that it is within its authority or power to prevent non-essential business establishments from doing business on that date.
