

Questions

TAX ADVANTAGES THROUGH EXPORT SALES

Question 547—Mr. Saltzman:

Have any companies requested and received tax advantages on the basis that most of its product is sold outside Canada and, if so, what are the companies and what tax advantages have been accorded?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Under the authority of the Customs and Excise Tax Acts, and regulations thereunder, drawback or repayment may be made of 99 per cent of customs duties and excise and/or sales taxes paid on imported goods and materials used or directly consumed in, wrought into or attached to any articles manufactured or produced in Canada and exported therefrom. There are some 9,500 firms in Canada directly or indirectly involved in the import and re-export of goods and which normally qualify for drawback of duties and taxes under this authority. The names of these firms are not published.

Remissions of customs duties and, on certain occasions of sales taxes, have been made under the authority of Section 22 of the Financial Administration Act in respect of machinery and equipment for use primarily in the production of goods for export. Remission of duties has also been extended in certain instances to materials for use in the manufacture of goods produced in Canada exclusively for export. The Financial Administration Act requires that a statement of each remission of \$1,000 or more granted under Section 22 of the Act, must be reported to the House of Commons in the Public Accounts.

In respect of tooling, machinery parts or accessories supplied by a prime contractor abroad to a Canadian manufacturer under the terms of a subcontract to produce goods for export, there is a standing provision under the authority of Section 22 of the Financial Administration Act for remission of the customs duty and excise taxes in excess of those payable on one-sixtieth of the value of the goods for each month that the goods remain in Canada. Remissions under this authority in excess of \$1,000 are reported in the Public Accounts.

C.B.C. TELEVISION, SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 553—Mr. Burton:

1. Has the CBC made application to the Canadian Radio Television Commission for a licence to operate a television station in Saskatchewan and, if so, what is the current position of this application?

[Mr. Honey.]

2. Does the CBC hold an option for the purchase of a television station in Saskatchewan and, if so (a) what is the name of the station (b) when does the option expire?

3. What other plans does the CBC have for television facilities in Saskatchewan?

Hon. John C. Munro (Acting Secretary of State): I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: 1. Yes. An application for a C.B.C.-owned outlet in Saskatoon is being held in abeyance at the request of the corporation pending the outcome of negotiations for the sale of CHAB-TV Moose Jaw and CHRE-TV Regina.

2. No. C.B.C. is negotiating for the purchase of CHAB-TV Moose Jaw and CHRE-TV Regina.

3. These are subject in part to the outcome of the Regina-Moose Jaw negotiations but it is hoped to extend the English language service to other parts of the province including a C.B.C. outlet at Saskatoon. The broadcasting needs of French speaking Canadians across the country have been the subject of a major study by C.B.C. during the current year. The final report is now being assessed with a view to further extension of the French language service to groups not presently served, including those in Saskatchewan.

ENTRY OF STOKELY CARMICHAEL

Question No. 554—Mr. Coates:

1. Was the recent visit of Stokely Carmichael sponsored by any organization in Canada and, if so, what is the name of that organization?

2. On what basis was Stokely Carmichael allowed to enter Canada, were any limits placed on his travels in this nation or any time limit on the period he might remain in this country?

3. Did the government have the option of either allowing Stokely Carmichael to enter Canada or to remain outside and if this option were available, what reasons can the government give for allowing him to enter Canada?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Yes. Mr. Carmichael came to Canada to address the Congress of Black Writers conference which was sponsored by the Caribbean Students Society of McGill University and organized by the Congress of Black Writers committee.

2. Mr. Carmichael was allowed to enter Canada as he is not deemed to be within the classes of people prohibited admission under the Immigration Act. In such circumstances, the act compels the examining officer to grant entry. This was done for the period October 13 to 16. No restrictions were placed on his travels in Canada by immigration authorities.

3. No. See answer to question two.