

Questions

Limited, for charges arising from the 1964-65 advertising campaign.

PASSPORT APPLICATION OF MRS. LUCIEN RIVARD

Question No. 410—Mr. Coates:

Has a decision been reached on Mrs. Lucien Rivard's application for a passport and, if so, what was the decision?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No. Her application is still under consideration.

OFFICIAL SCULPTOR, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Question No. 457—Mr. Enns:

1. What is the name of the official sculpturer for the Parliament Buildings?
2. How are projects for sculpture decided?
3. Is there an advisory committee?
4. Who are the members of the advisory committee?
5. As the sculpture in the main hall in the front of the House of Commons has stimulated public interest, what is the main theme of each panel?

Answer: 1. R. Eleanor Milne, S.S.C.

2, 3, and 4. Prior to 1961-2 a committee comprising the Speakers of the two Houses of Parliament and the Chief Architect of the Department of Public Works met at irregular intervals to choose themes for the sculptures in the Centre Block and to decide on individual subjects within the accepted themes.

In 1963 an ad hoc committee comprising the Minister of Public Works, the acting Deputy Minister of Public Works, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Works and the official sculpturer met and approved the themes and subjects which are currently in work. This work will be concluded during 1965.

5. The subjects of the separate panels, each arranged as a triptych, represent unique incidents in Canada's development which cannot by their nature be repeated in later times. In order from left to right, beginning of the east wall, the subjects are: The arrival of earliest man; The arrival of European man; The exploration of the St. Lawrence River; New World migration from wars and strife; The first settlers in the east; The birth of schooling; The opening of the west; The northern searches.

A pamphlet is presently being prepared for issue in conjunction with the centennial year. Included in this pamphlet, all details regarding the old carvings and new carvings will be clearly defined.

[Mr. Lamontagne.]

GATT NEGOTIATIONS ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS

Question No. 458—Mr. Danforth:

1. Are negotiations currently under way at Geneva concerning proposed tariff changes on fruit and vegetable products?
2. What is the target date for the conclusion of this phase of negotiations?
3. When and by what manner will the results of this particular phase of the negotiations be released to Parliament and to the industry?
4. Will the various segments of the industry have an opportunity to recommend changes to the government if they feel direct hardships result from the new rates?
5. Will there be any flexibility whatsoever allowing changes in rates in the event of hardships without full consideration by the nations involved at a subsequent meeting at Geneva?

Mr. L. T. Pennell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. The tariff negotiations currently taking place under the GATT cover a wide range of products. It has not been the practice in past negotiations to state whether particular products were the subject of negotiations.

2. There is no target date for the conclusion of the current negotiations.

3. The results of past tariff negotiations have been announced in the House of Commons, if Parliament was sitting, or made public by means of a press release, at a date agreed with the other negotiating countries. It is likely the same practice will be followed in regard to the current tariff negotiations.

4. The Government is always prepared to hear representations from any firm or industry which feels that it is adversely affected by any change in tariff rates.

5. There are detailed procedures embodied in the GATT for changes in tariff rates. In essence these involve negotiation with the country with which the tariff rate was originally negotiated and with the other countries that have a substantial interest in exporting the products in question.

ARDA EMPLOYEES BY PROVINCES

Question No. 466—Mr. Dionne:

1. What, to date, is the number of employees working as regional directors, program co-ordinators, or in other capacities under the ARDA program in each of the provinces of Canada?
2. What is the salary by category and by classification of responsibility of each employee?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): 1. The responsibility for initiating and carrying out projects and programs under the agreements lies with the provinces. Each of the provinces has its own ARDA organization. At the present time the federal government has one employee working as a program co-ordinator.