

INDUSTRIAL MISSION TO FRANCE

Question No. 2,924—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Did a specially constituted Canadian government industrial mission travel to France in 1966?
2. If so (a) what was the purpose of this mission (b) what was the cost of this special mission and what was the cost per major item (c) what results have been achieved as a result to date?

**Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce):** 1. A Canadian economic mission to France was staged during the period June 3 to June 16, 1966.

2. (a) The objective of the mission was to promote closer economic and trade relations between France and Canada by drawing to the attention of the respective business communities in each country the prospective benefits to be derived from closer relationships with counterparts in the other country, both at the individual company level and at the trade or industry association level. The mission examined and reported upon prospects for expansion, on a reciprocal basis, of technical co-operation at the industry level, of investment and of continuing links between like national organizations.

(b) The total cost of the mission was \$41,121.88. Of this \$15,586.48 was spent for transportation, \$22,943.97 for accommodation, \$1,800.75 for receptions, \$361.30 for printing of publicity and brochures, freight, express, stationery and other miscellaneous costs \$429.38.

(c) Results are to be measured by the degree and extent to which individual members of the respective business communities, or their group organizations, take steps to intensify past and establish new relationships with counterparts in the other country. The report has been widely distributed within Canada and the response from trade and industrial associations, and from chambers of commerce and boards of trade, on behalf of their memberships has been very gratifying. A similar response has been noted in France.

Government will of course do all that it can to encourage, further and facilitate initiatives taken by private business. For example, this department is enlarging its program of participation in trade fairs in France and is increasing its trade missions vis-à-vis France. For its part, the government of France is actively encouraging closer economic and trade relations between its businessmen and ours: more than 50 French businessmen and professional groups are on record with the business development bureau of Expo 67 there

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will be a series of "technical weeks" at which prospects for increased relationship in a succession of industry sectors will be examined.

DEFENCE AND ENERGY COMMISSION  
PAY RATES

Question No. 2,927—**Mr. Schreyer:**

What are the current pay rates of the Canadian defence establishment, Beausejour, Manitoba, and the Atomic Energy Commission establishment at Whiteshell, Manitoba, for the following job classifications: labourer; painter; plumber; electrician; carpenter; mechanic; heavy equipment operator; driver (heavy); driver?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** In so far as the Department of National Defence is concerned the current rate of pay of the Canadian defence establishment, Beauséjour, Manitoba for the classes mentioned is as follows:

	per hr.
Labourer	\$1.85
Painter	2.50
Plumber	2.90
Electrician	3.00
Carpenter	2.65
Mechanic (motor)	2.05
Heavy equipment operator	2.30
Driver (heavy)	2.05
Driver	1.90

In so far as Atomic Energy of Canada is concerned: Pursuant to recently concluded collective agreement—

	per hr.
Labourer/janitor	2.13
Driver	2.43

Rates payable under current collective agreement being renegotiated and before conciliation board—

	per hr.
Painter (spray)	2.66
Painter (normal)	2.58
Plumber	2.97
Electrician	2.97
Carpenter	2.91
Mechanic (machinists & millwrights)	2.97
Mechanic (automotive)	2.97
Heavy equipment operator	
Shovel operator	2.94
Mobile crane operator	2.46
Loader operator	2.39
Farm tractor operator	2.13
Driver (heavy)	2.46