

Questions

2. Hermes Electronics Limited was incorporated under the laws of the province of Nova Scotia on March 9, 1970. No information is available on the names and addresses of the directors and officers.

3. No information available.

4. No information available.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

Question No. 1,755—Mr. Brewin:

1. Does the Republic of South Africa get the benefit of the British Preferential Tariff, as provided by the Customs Tariff Act, R.S.C., 1952 c.60 s.3?

2. Does Canada get the benefit of any preferential tariff granted by the Republic of South Africa?

3. What is the volume of imports into Canada from the Republic of South Africa and the items affected thereby for the last years for which figures are available since 1963?

4. What is the volume of exports from Canada to the Republic of South Africa which receives the benefit of a preferential tariff granted by the Republic of South Africa and what is the nature of the items so affected?

5. (a) Has any action been taken by the Governor in Council to withdraw the benefit of the British Preferential Tariff from the Republic of South Africa or is such withdrawal contemplated by reason of the fact that the Republic of South Africa has ceased to be a country within the Commonwealth of Nations for many years (b) in the review of external policy now being undertaken by the Government of Canada, has consideration been given to the withdrawal of the British Preferential Tariff from the Republic of South Africa with a view to underlining the fact that the apartheid policies of the Republic of South Africa are abhorrent to the people of Canada and contrary to the numerous international declarations on human rights and against racial discrimination?

6. What votes have been cast by Canada in the United Nations Security Council or General Assembly in respect of any actions or declarations of the United Nations or any agency thereof in respect to the maintenance of apartheid or other forms of racial discrimination within the Republic of South Africa since April 26, 1965?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council: I am informed by the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce and External Affairs as follows:

1. The Republic of South Africa continues to receive the benefit of the British Preferential Tariff as provided by the Customs Tariff Act, R.S.C. 1952, c.60, s.3.

2. The Republic of South Africa grants preferential tariff entry to certain Canadian goods in accordance with the terms of the 1932 trade agreement between the two countries.

3. Statistics of all imports from the Republic of South Africa in the years 1963 to 1968 have been published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in the December issues of "Trade of Canada-Imports by Countries" Catalogue No. 65-006. These publications are obtainable from the Queen's Printer and are available for reference in all public libraries and the Parliamentary library. In 1969 the total value of imports was \$45.9 million. All South Africa goods are subject to the rates of the British Preferential Tariff if shipped directly to Canada.

4. Statistics of all exports to the Republic of South Africa can be found in the "Trade of Canada-Exports by Countries" Catalogue No. 65-003. In 1969, the total value of Canadian exports to the Republic of South Africa was \$78.5 million. It is estimated that approximately \$10.2 million was eligible for preferential tariff treatment. Principal goods exported to South Africa at preferential value were:—lumber (\$5.4 million); newsprint (\$2.9 million); canned fish (\$851 thousand); and mechanics and artisans' tools (\$500 thousand).

5. (a) No. (b) The Secretary of State for External Affairs stated in reply to a similar question in the House on March 23 that all aspects of our trade with South Africa will be reviewed.

6. United Nations General Assembly

Resolutions on Apartheid

		For	Vote Against	Abstaining
2054 (XX)	1965 A	80	2	16 (Canada)
	B	95 (Canada)	1	1
2202 (XXI)	1966 A	84	2	13 (Canada)
	B	99 (Canada)	1	1
2307 (XXII)	1967	89	2	12 (Canada)
2396 (XXIII)	1968	85	2	14 (Canada)
2506 (XXIV)	1969 A	101(Canada)	2	6
	B	80	5	23 (Canada)