

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

T.C.A.—EMPLOYMENT OF STEWARDESSES

Question No. 43—Mr. Howard:

Since January 1, 1958, has Trans-Canada Air Lines hired any stewardesses, and, if so, for each month since that time: (a) how many were hired? (b) what was the country of recruitment by numbers hired from each country? (c) how many were Canadian citizens? (d) how many were citizens of other countries, and which countries? (e) how many, if any, were given passes to come to Canada for employment?

Answer by: Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):

The management of T.C.A. advises as follows:

It has not been customary to require crown corporations to divulge information which is basically related to internal problems of company administration and management. This is quite distinct from giving information with regard to general policy which the company may follow in major matters.

T.C.A., like every other major international air carrier, has found it highly desirable, if it wishes to cater properly to all the traffic in the foreign countries which it serves, to employ a number of stewardesses and cabin attendants recruited in those foreign countries.

This is a recognized practice on the part of major international air lines, for obvious reasons. It is in no way contradictory with the general T.C.A. policy of employing Canadians wherever possible. In fact, during the last three-year period commencing the beginning of 1958, approximately 85 per cent of the stewardesses hired by T.C.A. have been recruited in Canada and approximately 15 per cent have been recruited in the various foreign countries which are served by T.C.A.

INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS FROM HUTTERITES

Question No. 47—Mr. Kindt:

How much income tax has been collected by the Department of National Revenue from the Hutterite colonies in Alberta for each of the years from 1945 to 1960?

Answer by: Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):

1. To answer this question would involve a disclosure with respect to the affairs of persons which would be contrary to public policy. Moreover, the secrecy provisions of section 133 of the Income Tax Act operate to preclude the taxation division from furnishing any information of this nature.

SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

Question No. 51—Mr. McIlraith:

1. How much revenue was collected by the federal government from sales tax for each of the years from 1950 to the present time?

2. How much of these amounts was collected from taxpayers in each of the provinces?

Answer by: Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):

[See tables on page 1103.]

PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF HEARSEs

Question No. 52—Mr. Boulanger:

1. How many permits were granted by order in council during the year 1959 and to date in 1960, for the importation of hearses?

2. To whom were they granted during the above period?

Answer by: Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):

1. During the year 1959 and to date in 1960, the prohibitory terms of tariff item 1215 were waived by order in council, on one occasion, permitting the importation of one hearse. This was covered by order in council P.C. 1959-1225 dated 24th September, 1959.

2. Mr. T. W. Curry, Sydney, Nova Scotia.