Questions

MINING COMPANY TAXES, VILLENEUVE COUNTY, QUE.

Question No. 121-Mr. Caouette:

What is the amount of the various federal taxes collected from mining companies in the county of Villeneuve?

Hon E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): For Customs and Excise Division. There is no specific record available of sales tax paid by mining companies, as such. Their major operations do not bring them within the ambit of the Excise Tax Act.

For Taxation Division.

Statistics relating to income tax returns filed are not maintained on a basis of address by county and therefore the information requested cannot be furnished.

It should be mentioned that the Taxation Division of my department publishes annually a book known as "Taxation Statistics", which provides considerable detail broken down as fine as the information available will permit.

COST OF PRODUCING AND MARKETING LIVE-STOCK PRODUCTS

Question No. 137-Mr. Rondeau:

With reference to the statement by the Minister of Agriculture, as it appears in *Hansard*, pages 11580-11581, concerning the gross revenue of approximately \$2,816 from the sale of products derived from 6 cows and 2 sows, what is the government's estimate of the cost of producing and marketing such products?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): It is not practical to obtain an average for all of Canada of the cost of producing milk or hogs that would have any real meaning. Costs of production vary widely with location, type of enterprise, feed availability, size of operation and other factors. For example, a Quebec study on cost of production of hogs for 1956-57 gave a range of \$7.81 to \$29.18 per hundredweight live. Applying recent prices gives a range of \$9.05 to \$33.82 per hundredweight live. If the farms are divided into thirds according to costs, the results are as follows:

Lowest third, \$13.10; median third, \$18.02; highest third, \$25.44.

Studies of costs of milk production show similar ranges.

DORCHESTER COUNTY, QUE., INCOMES

Question No. 167-Mr. Boutin:

1. How many individuals in Dorchester county reported, for each of the years 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964, an income of (a) \$100,000 or more (b) between \$75,000 and \$100,000 (c) between \$50,000 and \$75,000 (d) between \$25,000 and \$50,000 (e) between \$10,000 and \$25,000 (f) between \$5,000 and \$10,000 (g) between \$2,000 and \$5,000? 2. How are these individuals distributed by

parish?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): 1 and 2. Statistics relating to income tax returns filed are not maintained on a basis of address by county or parish and therefore the information requested cannot be furnished.

It should be mentioned that the Taxation Division of my department publishes annually a book known as "Taxation Statistics", which provides considerable detail broken down as fine as the information available will permit.

FEDERAL STEPS TO DEAL WITH FARM PRICE PROBLEMS

Question No. 277-Mr. Howe (Wellington-Huron):

1. What measures does the government plan to introduce to alleviate farm price problems as intimated by the Minister of Agriculture on April 28, 1965, to a farm delegation?

2. When will such measures be introduced?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): 1 and 2. This is a matter of government policy and will be announced in due course.

ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS WITH BREITHAUPT, BENSON AND CO., TORONTO

Question No. 355-Mr. Aiken:

1. Does the advertising firm of Breithaupt, Benson and Company, Limited of Toronto have any advertising accounts with the Government of Canada?

2. Has this firm carried a recruiting account for any of the armed services and, if so, when did such contract commence and when was it terminated?

3. Has there been any transfer of accounts from Breithaupt, Benson and Company, Limited to Walsh Advertising Company Limited and, if so, when was this transfer effected and what account was transferred?

4. Do any of the armed services recruiting accounts placed through Breithaupt, Benson and Company, Limited remain unpaid, and are any funds held back to ensure payment of such accounts?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): 1. No.

2. Yes, 2 July 1963 to 31 March 1965.

3. No.

4. Not known at this time because the possibility exists that all suppliers' invoices arising from the 1964-65 program have not yet been received by this agency. No funds are held back; however, provision is made in the 1965-66 recruiting advertising budget to reimburse Breithaupt, Benson and Company