

Questions

DISMISSALS FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES—COURT OF APPEAL

Mr. WINKLER:

Has the government taken any action to set up something in the nature of a court of appeal whereby employees of a non-permanent nature dismissed because of alleged subversive activities may have an opportunity to present their side of the case?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): No.

MOUNTED POLICE—RECORDS OF PERSONS ATTENDING SUBVERSIVE GATHERINGS

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North):

1. Does the R.C.M.P. keep records of persons attending gatherings of a subversive character?

2. If so, how many records are there of such people?

3. What is the R.C.M.P. definition of a gathering of subversive character?

4. What is the R.C.M.P. definition of (a) record; (b) report; (c) file (d) dossier?

Mr. ILSLEY:

1. Yes, if warranted.

2. Disclosure of this information is against public interest.

3. A gathering of subversive character is a gathering of persons conducting subversive activities.

4. The R.C.M.P. apply the ordinary meaning to these words.

NATIONAL REVENUE—SEIZURES

Mr. HERRIDGE:

1. Of the seizures made by the Department of National Revenue, customs branch, from January 1, 1946, to December 31, 1946, what was the quantity of (a) cigarettes; (b) tobacco; (c) liquor; (d) other commodities, and what was the value of each?

2. How were such materials disposed of?

3. What quantity of each item was destroyed?

Mr. McCANN:

1. No statistics are kept and to answer the question would entail drawing 4,482 files, the number of customs seizures for the calendar year 1946. It would take at least six weeks to compile such a statement.

2. (a) Cigarettes: destroyed in those cases where persons involved refuse to take release on payment of amount demanded.

(b) Tobacco: same as above.

(c) Liquor: destroyed.

(d) Other commodities: sold by tender when release not taken on terms offered.

3. No statistics kept.

PENSIONS TO THE BLIND

Mr. MATTHEWS (Brandon):

1. How many blind pensioners were there on the rolls as of December 31, 1946?

[Mr. E. Bertrand.]

2. What is the total number of blind?

3. Is there compulsory registration of blind persons in Canada?

Mr. MARTIN:

1. 7,288.

2. Approximately 14,000.

3. No.

DOMINION COUNCIL OF HEALTH

Mr. DIONNE (Beauce):

1. What is the Dominion Council of Health?

2. What groups or associations are represented on the said council?

3. How often does such council meet?

Mr. MARTIN:

1. The Dominion Council of Health was established under the Department of Health Act, 1919, to consist of the Deputy Minister of National Health as chairman, and the chief executive officer of the provincial department or board of health of each province, and such other persons, not to exceed five in number, as may be appointed by the governor in council to hold office during good behaviour for a period of three years. The council, as originally composed, was perpetuated by the Department of Pensions and National Health Act, 1928, and by the Department of National Health and Welfare Act, 1944.

2. No statutory provision is made regarding the selection and appointment of the five additional members on the council. However, by custom it has evolved that they are chosen to represent the following groups: English-speaking women's social welfare groups; French-speaking women's social welfare groups; Agriculture; Labour; Scientific public health.

3. The act provides that the council shall meet at such times and at such places as the minister may direct. Usually it meets twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. MacLEAN:

What voluntary organizations working in the field of health receive grants from the Department of National Health and Welfare?

Mr. MARTIN:

The Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene; The Health League of Canada; Canadian National Institute for the Blind; L'Association Canadienne Francaise des Aveugles; L'Institute Nazareth de Montreal; Montreal Association for the Blind; Canadian Tuberculosis Association; Victorian Order of Nurses; St. John Ambulance Association; Canadian Red Cross Society.